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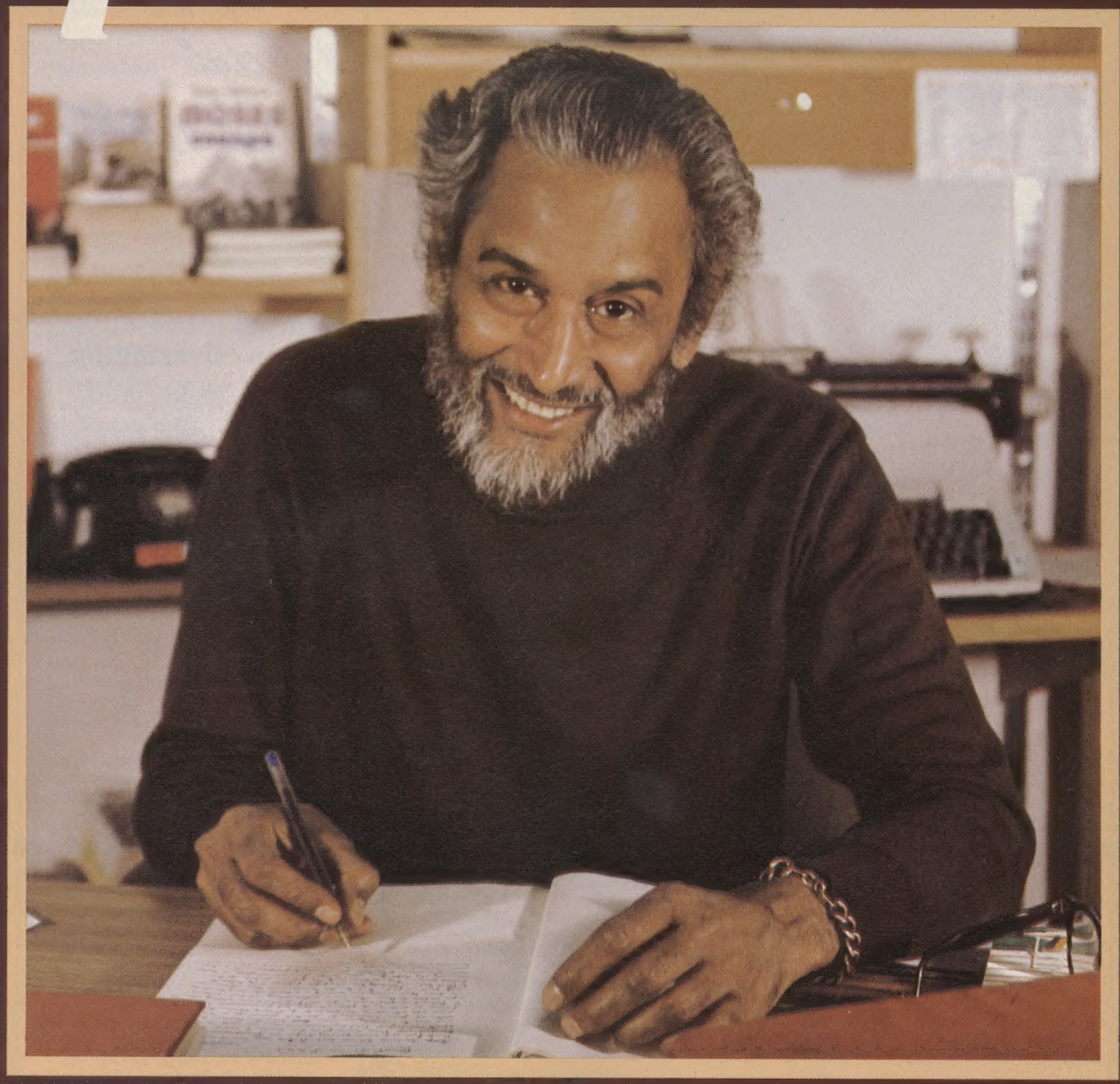

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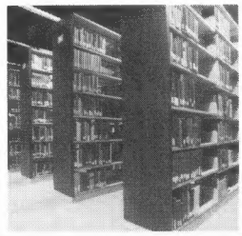

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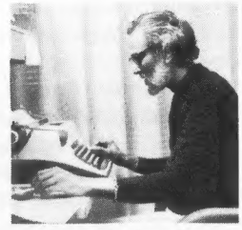

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Cover

Sam Selvon, the 1983-84 writer-in-residence at the University of Alberta was born in Trinidad and lived much of his life in Britain before becoming a Canadian citizen. A writer of very considerable ability, he is best known for his skillful use of the language to bring to life characters of Caribbean heritage—characters such as Brackley, whom you will meet on page 17.

The Editor

Reading, Writing and Retrieving

With the autumn issue of *New Trail* safely (more or less) in the mail, I took the opportunity for a brief holiday with my family, trying to make the most—or perhaps, more accurately, the least—of the ebbing days of what had been a busy summer.

All too soon it was time to return to work, and I was in for a shock. Of course, it always does come as something of a shock when the promise in the September air draws the students back to their studies, and the sleepy summer campus is roughly brought awake. But this year I had missed the first tentative days of the return, and there were more students than ever before.

It used to be that few students—in recent years, that is—made their way to the top floor of Athabasca Hall, but the coming of the English Testing and Remediation people changed that. Now, at regular intervals our hallway is alive with students seeking the results of their writing competence exam. Half of them will find that they have failed.

For an article which appears in this issue, I recently spoke with the head of the University's English Testing and Remediation effort, Lorna McCallum, about a number of things related to the testing. Dr. McCallum refused to lay the blame for the poor performance of the students at any one door—and rightly so, I think. The roots of the problem are complex and to simply blame teachers and the schools would be wrong. The universities prepare the teachers, the government sets standards, society exerts pressures, and on and on.

There remains, however, a problem—a real problem, for the passing standard for the writing competency test is not high. Indeed, students may pass and still have significant shortcomings in their writing skills. And it has been the experience of Dr. McCallum and her colleagues that their marking is in no way more demanding than that of high school teachers who have been given the opportunity to assess sample test papers.

But all is not gloom. Now that the universities in Alberta have shown themselves to be serious about writing competency, the incoming freshmen are already showing some improvement in writing ability. In the last series of tests at the U of A, 55 per cent of the students passed, an improvement of about 5 per cent. And those who do fail initially are not beyond help—two-thirds of those students who must take remediation pass the writing test on their next try.

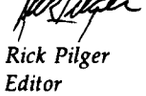
There is an incidental aspect to the English testing which I find fascinating: the insight it provides into the thinking of this generation of high school graduates. It is the nature of the essay topics put before the students to elicit opinion, on capital punishment, on nuclear disarmament, on government, on marriage, and on scores of other subjects of topical interest. Even allowing that the essays reflect true feelings only darkly, something of the generation is revealed. It is a generation much more conservative than was ours, say those people who read the essays with whom I have spoken—they, like myself having entered university during the Viet Nam War years.

I cannot help being somewhat saddened by the conservatism. At least insomuch as it shows that this generation, children of tougher economic times, has not the luxury for dreams that mine had. Whatever the excesses and perversions, the "flower children" were genuinely seeking a better world. This generation needs busily arm itself for success and survival in the all-too-real world.

Success, survival and change born of tough economic times are also elements in an article written for *New Trail* by Robin Inskip, an assistant professor of library science. In the article, which appears in this issue, Prof. Inskip takes a close look at the situation of Alberta's school libraries. What she sees is not rosy. And that may not only have a bearing on why "Johnny can't write" but also mean that in this emerging age of information "Johnny can't retrieve information."

Someone who most certainly can write is Sam Selvon, this year's writer in residence at the University. I am most grateful to him for his allowing *New Trail* to reprint one of his short stories in this issue. It seemed the best way to introduce this accomplished writer, who is not nearly as well known in Canada as he deserves to be.

Be sure to read "Brackley and the Bed". You will certainly enjoy it.



Rick Pilger
Editor

Recreational Privileges

The purchase of Alumni User Cards entitles alumni and their families to a number of privileges at the University's Physical Education and Recreation Centre.

This now includes use of squash and racquetball courts, subject to normal booking regulations.

Other facilities include the campus swimming pools, indoor and outdoor jogging tracks, the weight training room (adults only), and the rink.

User cards for the period from January 1 to June 30, 1984 are available at the following prices:

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We'd Like to Hear From You

New Trail *welcomes contributions. Let us know what you are doing now (see page 26) or send some memories of your days on campus or of someone or something associated with the University (see page 5).*

Or perhaps you would like to send an article, or have suggestions about an article we could do.

The next New Trail *advertising and copy deadline is January 18.*

The Memories of a Faculty Wife

The unsung heroes of the University community are spouses. Many spouses make their contributions behind the scene, their patience and encouragement enabling a faculty member to excel in research or teaching, or a student to realize that hard-won degree. Others play a more visible role, active themselves in campus life.

In recent months the University community learned of the passing of two women, spouses who were well-known on campus in years past.

Reta Rowan, who died in Toronto in July, came to Edmonton in 1922 with her husband, the late Dr. William Rowan, who won international recognition for his important discoveries in bird migration. Mrs. Rowan was involved in many peace movements, was the founder of the Friends of the Indian Society (no longer in existence), and was a strong supporter of the Edmonton Symphony Orchestra.

Helen Sheldon first set foot on the University campus in 1910, the bride of Dr. E.W. Sheldon, a mathematician recruited to the faculty of the new University by President Tory—who was also quick to enlist Mrs. Sheldon as the adviser to the women students. Mrs. Sheldon died in Medicine Hat in April at the age of 99 years.

Less than two years before her death, Mrs. Sheldon shared her memories of the early University on a tape made as part of the oral history project of the Faculty Women's Club—a group largely comprised of faculty wives and one of which Mrs. Sheldon was a charter member. The memories which follow are adapted from that recording.

Coming to Alberta . . .

I was from New York City. I met my husband when he was at Yale Univesity getting his doctor's degree. He had been a student of Dr. Tory's at McGill—as a matter of fact he was the gold medallist for the year.

Dr. Tory was planning on organizing the new university in Alberta—the Province was five years old and the University, was two when

Helen Sheldon at the time of her marriage.

we came—and Ernest knew when he was studying for his doctor's degree that he would become a member of the staff.

We enjoyed almost forty years connected with the University.

I came as a bride to Edmonton. There were no buildings on the University campus then. The University occupied the top storey of Strathcona High School. That was the University when we came.

During the summer months, the students from the north side of the river attended the University by coming over on a raft that was run by a cable across the river. Then, when the ice was formed on the river, the students from the north side walked and drove over the ice.

I loved the open spaces and the people were so friendly. The University was just a family; it was very small and very congenial. I just loved it.

Then they started the building Athabasca Hall and Dr. Tory asked us to move into it, and I was in charge of the women students that first year—there were about a dozen in residence. I was the first "dean of women." The next year we moved into Assiniboia and Ruth, our daughter, was born in Assiniboia.

I had a very happy relationship with the students and our suite had an open door. And as we had the only telephone, the girls used our phone at all times.

War . . .

In the fall of 1913 the First World War began and the Faculty Women just rallied around and we had all kinds of social events to raise money for the Patriotic Fund. We raised money with teas, and then, of course, even the men were knitting. One of our best knitters was a man, Frank Bowers, who was the first librarian at the University. When we had a prom and went on the floor to dance, we would hand our knitting to Dr. Tory, and he could turn a heel.

At the end of the War—1918—there was that epidemic of the Asiatic flu and the students who lived in Pembina Hall were moved into other buildings, and it was turned into a temporary hospital. My home was the centre of all the sewing that was necessary. We had to begin from scratch in supplying the needs of the hospital. It was under the Royal Alexandra, and sheeting and towelling and flannelette things were all sent to my home. At that time we were in one of the Ring Houses built in 1913.

I had a friend who came every day and helped me cut out, and she would sew the samples. Then the cut materials were sent to the different faculty women who made up these garments. It was on a large scale because I remember one order came for towels and we were not only supposed to cut them and have them sewn and initialled with the Royal Alexandra Hospital initials, but they were to be washed and ironed. And it was all done by the University of Alberta faculty wives. We were busy every minute, but there were no complaints. There was no difficulty in getting the work done.

Even the little children were taught to initial the Royal Alexandra initials. Everything had to be initialled, and after the War the Royal Alexandra gave a tea party for the children on the campus who had done it.

And again war . . .

Then the Second World War came and the services were repeated. The Faculty Women just came to the rescue for every request that was made. They responded to everything.

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Campus Reporter

Mr. Manning's Memories

The University of Alberta Archives has become the permanent home of more than 50 hours of memories recorded by Ernest Manning, Alberta's premier from May 1943 until January 1969.

The recorded tapes, covering his career from 1935 until 1968, were turned over to the University in a ceremony held last summer. Intended for use by scholars and researchers, the tapes provide an insightful chronological record of the recently-retired Canadian Senator's tenure in provincial government.

The interviews were conducted by Lydia Semotuk and took place between 1978 and 1982. Verbatim transcripts have been prepared, a precis of which is also available. Covered in the tapes are Social Credit philosophies and policies, provincial legislation, and issues, events and personalities, as well as other observations. One of the 47 reel-to-reel audiotapes is devoted entirely to Mr. Manning's personal memories.

The collection is a unique oral account of the former premier's career which will compliment existing material in other forms, and should prove to be a valuable source of historical information.

Outstanding Achievement Recognized

A graduate student in the Faculty of Education is the first recipient of the Billy Mills Achievement Award.

Valerie Tootoosis, principal of Ermineskin Kindergarten at Hobbema, Alberta was recently presented the award by the University's Office of Native Affairs.

Ms. Tootoosis was selected in recognition of her master's thesis, "Oral Language and Learning of One Five-Year Old Cree Child at Home and at School," completed in the department of elementary education last spring.

Born and raised in Medicine Hat, Alberta, Ms. Tootoosis now lives in Wetaskiwin, Alberta and administers a kindergarten of more than 200 children. A Treaty Indian of the Poundmaker Reserve in Saskatchewan, she holds both bachelor's and master's degrees from the U of A.

The Billy Mills Award was established following the filming on campus last year of the movie *Running Brave*, the story of Sioux Indian Olympic gold medallist Billy Mills. Instead of accepting a fee for the use of campus locations, the University asked the film's backers, Alberta's Ermineskin Band, to endow the award, which annually recognizes outstanding academic achievement by a native graduate student at the University.

Fund-raiser Holender

Fund Raiser Hired

The University has a new fund raiser.

Allan M. Holender began his new duties as director of the Fund Development Office on September 15. Described by the University's vice-president (finance and administration), Lorne Leitch, as "one of the best fund raisers in the country," he brings to the position experience gained both in the academic and business worlds, most recently as director of fund raising at the University of British Columbia.

Mr. Holender studied at the Universities of Alberta and Montana and subsequently obtained professional teaching and registered social worker's certificates in the Province of British Columbia.

After having worked as a community service director for the Vancouver board of parks and recreation and as a community development worker for the Vancouver YMCA, Mr. Holender joined the staff of the Big Brothers of British Columbia in 1969. During his tenure with that organization, he was the first Canadian selected to be part of an international consulting team to assist new Big Brothers agencies with training programs and workshops. From 1975 to 1980, he was the executive director of the Big Brothers Burnaby, B.C. and was actively involved with other social and service agencies such as the United Way and the Inter-Agency Council.

In 1981, he became a full-time fund raiser. As director of alumni fund and

university development at UBC, he administered and co-ordinated all fundraising programs for UBC and its alumni association.

These days, Mr. Holender is spending much of his time talking to people on campus and off, defining needs and establishing goals.

"A successful fundraising program can help further the pursuit of excellence which is part of the tradition of Alberta," he says.

"There is a lot of work to be done," he acknowledges. "But the University is committed to a goal, and that will help make my job a lot easier."

Research Unit Established

The Alberta Government is funding a $1.25 million mental health research unit on campus. Social Services and Community Health Minister Neil Webber has announced that the new research unit will be established under the auspices of the Provincial Mental Health Advisory Council.

Work at the unit will focus on a better understanding of certain psychiatric illnesses, including depression, hyperactivity in children, and Gilles de la Tourette's Syndrome, and will involve a study of the central nervous system through drug research on animals.

The funding will cover five years of research by a research psychiatrist, neuropsychologist, medicinal chemists, neurochemists, and statisticians.

Lawyers Support Faculty Programs

Grants from the Law Society of Alberta totalling more than $330,000 will benefit programs in the Faculty of Law.

The largest grant, $250,000, is a capital equipment grant to be expended over the next five years in developing the collection of the Weir Memorial Law Library, which serves not only law students and faculty but the community at large. Areas of the collection which are to receive special attention are health law, communication law, and labor law.

Other grants will support training in computerized research, a very extensive moot court program, and the purchase of computer hardware for use by students who have completed the first-year computer program.

Faculty Reorganized

Prior to the new academic term, the Faculty of Physical Education and Recreation completed a reorganization of its functions and structure. In the process, some existing departments were dissolved and new ones created.

In the reorganized Faculty, the department of physical education has been replaced by the department of physical education and sports studies, with Ted Wall as chairman. Recreation administration gives way to the department of recreation and leisure studies with Tim Burton continuing in the chair. The department of movement education has been dissolved.

The department of athletic services will continue (with Garry Smith as chairman) pending the completion of a review. A new division of support services has been created to manage the various facilities for which the Faculty is responsible—these include tennis and squash courts, two swimming pools, gymnasia, and the new Universiade Pavilion. The head of the new division is Geoff Elliott.

Leslie Bella, the Faculty's associate dean (academic), says that the changes were the necessary outcome of new demands on the Faculty, demands resulting from an expansion of the leisure field, from changes in the structure of the program of the Faculty of Education, and from increased awareness of the need for physical fitness.

Fun and a Fund

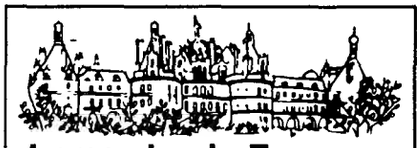
The items ranged from electric typewriters and valuable china to dinner for four at the Faculty Club, an all-expenses-paid weekend for two at Lister Hall, and a hockey stick autographed by all of the Edmonton Oilers (courtesy of alumnus Randy Gregg) when the National Universities Week Auction and Flea Market was held on campus on October 8.

The combined auction and flea market was only one of many happenings on campus during the week set aside to celebrate the contributions of Canada's universities. The net proceeds from the auction and flea market—some $3,000—have been used to establish a National Universities Week Scholarship Fund.

The exact nature of the scholarship has not yet been determined, but one suggestion being considered would have the fund used to assist music and drama students who must travel long distances for auditions or recitals.

A Tree May Grow

Soon a tree may grow in Frobisher Bay. A tree that found its way to that wind-swept northern community via the University of Alberta.



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The "Trees for Frobisher Bay" story begins with a television film clip which showed a group of visiting Inuit children from Baffin Island enthralled by the trees in Montreal. One of those who viewed that clip was Arthur Yates, who had recently taken up residence in the Baffin Island community of Frobisher Bay as manager of employment and immigration, Frobisher Bay, Baffin Islands and the High Arctic. He became determined to grow a tree in Frobisher Bay. To that end, he contacted Eva Cherniavsky, with whom he had become acquainted when he was employment verification officer in Edmonton.

Mrs. Cherniavsky is an administrative officer (academic administration) at the University, and Mr. Yates asked her if anyone at the University might possibly undertake the determination of which species of tree might have the best chance for survival in the unfriendly climate of his new home.

Eva Cherniavsky and Arthur Yates examine one of the seedlings destined for Frobisher Bay.

The events that this set in motion culminated on September 22 in the presentation of 72 seedlings—24 each of Englemann Spruce, Limber Pine, and Siberian Larch—to Mr. Yates who was in Edmonton for management meetings. The project had caught the imagination of many, and those in attendance at the presentation ceremony included the president of the University, Myer Horowitz, and members of the media.

Also present in spirit, if not in body, was Frobisher Bay Mayor Martine Johnson. In a letter which was read to those present, she thanked the Univesity and promised that her town council would strike a committee to ensure the proper placement and care for the trees.

The researchers who handed over the seedlings (courtesy of the Alberta Provincial Tree Nursery at Oliver), Bruce Dancik and Kare Hellum of the University's department of forest science, say that the Siberian Larch have the best chance for survival, because they drop their needles in winter and will, therefore, be less affected by the drying wind of that season. ◇

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The deadline for nominations for the 1984 Award is February 29, 1984.

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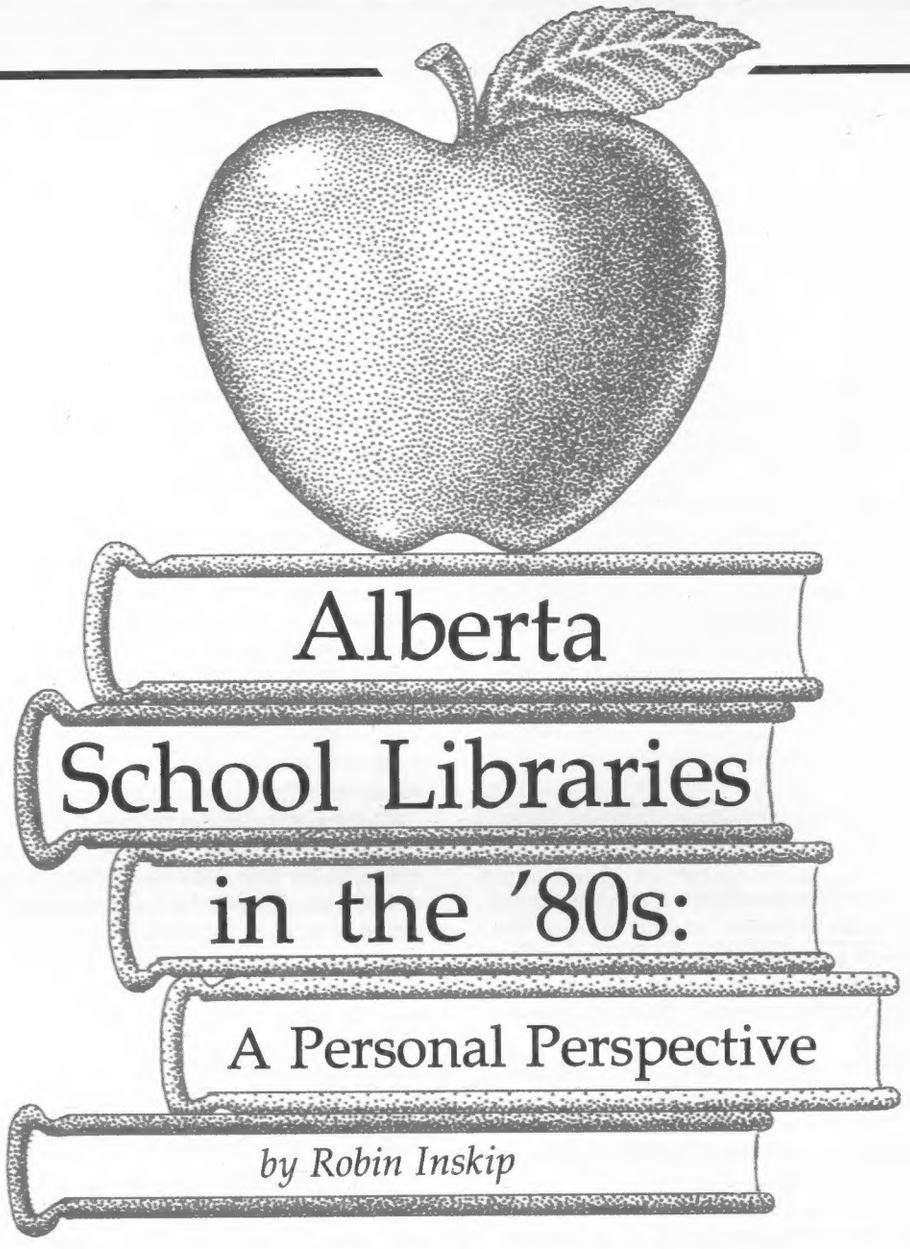

Alberta School Libraries in the '80s:

A Personal Perspective

by Robin Inskip

Will Johnny survive in the age of Information?

The emergence of the information age demands that new information retrieval and research study skills be taught in Alberta elementary and secondary schools. Now, more than ever, a sound basic education must be built around the independent research skills necessary to update that education in a lifelong learning process.

Over the past year, my experience in researching and presenting a brief to the Alberta Education Caucus Committee on behalf of the Library Association of Alberta (LAA) has led me to the conclusion that many students are not being taught these important research skills. Indeed University Librarian Peter Freeman has told the University of Alberta Senate that students entering the University from Grade 12 have difficulty using the Library.

Ironically, at the same time as the world experiences an information explosion, libraries and qualified library staff are being cut back in Alberta schools. The roots of this situation are economic, nourished by the government's funding policy and by the recession which makes tough financial decisions necessary. Faced with tough decisions, school boards—frequently composed of members who were educated in schools without libraries—are finding that the school library is a "frill". Often

parents do not realize that library materials, programs and personnel have been cut, possibly in favor of more visible items such as football uniforms or band travel. Students do not realize that they are missing research skills until they enter a post-secondary institution. The issue is left to be raised by the information specialists, the librarians and teaching professionals.

". . . some excellent school libraries do exist."

School boards and principals can make these cutback decisions because there are no provincial policies or guidelines for school library services. Unfortunately our research for the LAA indicates that educators lack an understanding of the role of school libraries. This criticism is not meant to blanket all Alberta school systems as some excellent school libraries do exist. They are, however, few in number and unevenly distributed throughout the Province. Even the Calgary Public School Board, a North American leader in school library systems, has suffered serious personnel cutbacks in the last year.

While statistics on the condition of Alberta school libraries are difficult to obtain, an indication of the unhappy situation is apparent in the following list:

- Alberta Education estimates that in the last three years 100 schools have cut their teacher-librarian positions;
- 55 per cent of the school libraries have clerks in charge—not professional teacher-librarians:
- only three districts have a full-time libraries coordinator with library science and instructional media qualifications and experience; and
- 92 per cent of the teachers in charge of libraries have less than the minimum qualifications recommended by the Learning Resources Council, a specialist council of the Alberta Teachers Association.

The library community is hoping that Alberta Minister of Education Dave King's recognition of the problems and potential contribution of school libraries to the educational process can effect change. Mr. King ordered a departmental task force which issued a position paper on school libraries last March. It found that students were not receiving the school library services they need or deserve and called for Provincial leadership in policy development; school libraries with professional teacher-librarians in charge; and recognition that the primary role of the school library should be to provide services, facilities and materials that are fully integrated into the instructional program.

The concept of integrated library services is a profound change from traditional perspectives. In a recent paper on the history of school libraries, Dr. Philomena Hauk, a professor of education at the University of Calgary, finds that university courses for teachers and educational administrators barely mention libraries, and methodology textbooks are silent on the subject. Our LAA brief recommends changes in the curricula of the education faculties to ensure that future educators understand the role of the school library in their instructional planning. We also urge continuing professional development programs to show current teachers, school administrators and trustees how research skills and library services can be integrated into their instuctional programs.

Our principal recommendation, however, is that the Province publish guidelines and policies for school library programs. We suggest that Alberta Education monitor expenditures for school library programs at the school and district level to overcome the department's lack of information on library costs, now buried in school budget allocations. Lastly, we ask the Province to explore alternative sources of funding through special grants to ensure equity of school library programs in Alberta.

In his April, 1983 speech to the LAA annual conference, Education Minister King gave encouragement to the Alberta library community. He pointed out that in the information age the memorizing of quickly outdated facts is not an appropriate educational process and stated that change in education was required so that students would "learn how to learn." This, said Mr. King, makes school libraries essential to the educational process.

". . . resource-based learning requires careful curriculum planning from Kindergarten to Grade 12."

Electronic publishing on demand may be the only solution to the information explosion, suggests the Science Council of Canada, calculating that scientific knowledge is doubling every five years. However, whether a student is keyboarding an inquiry into a terminal or seeking information in a periodial index, the student must be able to phrase clearly and precisely the question, determine a research strategy, select the source of information, identify how the information is organized in the online or print index, conduct the serach, and evaluate and communicate the results of the search. These thinking and problem solving skills are required for print and online database searches; the process remains basically the same. The skills need to be taught now in Alberta elementary and secondary schools.

Since many school administrators have not recognized the importance of the services of the school library, most schools have not realized that resource-based learning requires careful curriculum

planning from Kindergarten to Grade 12. This lack of recognition results in haphazard and minimal research skills development programs. What is needed to execute resource-based learning is co-operative curriculum planning by teachers and teacher librarians with the support and leadership of principals and administrators.

Good school library service, then, would provide resources and services integrated into the teachers' lesson plans. Professional teacher-librarians would work as master teachers jointly planning lessons with all teachers to ensure resource-based learning. Clerical staff would provide the technical and administrative support for the library's labor-intensive ordering and cataloguing activities.

At the time of writing this article, in five Alberta cities citizens committees are lobbying local candidates in the province-wide October 17 school board and municpal elections about the low level of school library service in the Province. The ad hoc groups, composed of parents, teachers and library personnel, are writing letters, contacting officials and pushing for improvements in policies for school libraries as part of the LAA campaign on the problems of school libraries. The underlying message of all this is that "Johnny can't retrieve information."

We can only hope that other decision makers will agree with Mr. King's view that good libraries are integral to the educational process—and Johnny will be able to survive and thrive in the age of information. ♦

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Association News

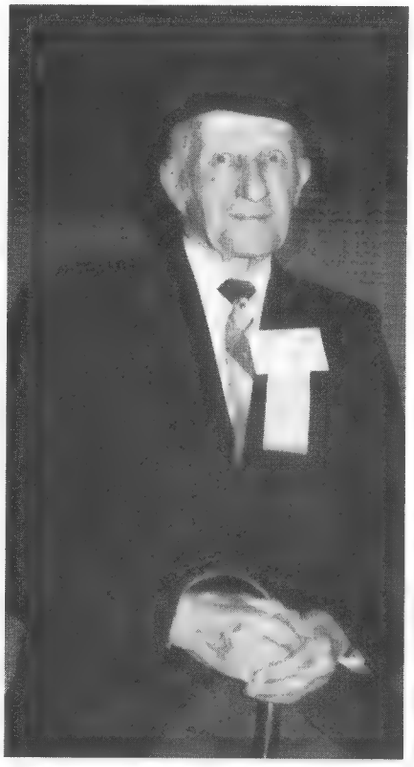
Busy Homecoming Held

Homecoming '83 was one of the busiest homecomings ever held on campus.

On Friday, September 30 about 300 people kicked-off Homecoming with a western-style dinner and dance. The dinner was held in the concourse area of the Universiade Pavilion, and between the dinner and the dance to the music of "Cactus", the Faculty of Physical Education and Recreation presented a program showcasing some of the many activities the new pavilion can accommodate.

Saturday's activities began bright and early with campus tours. Next on the schedule was a highly entertaining lecture presentation by cartoonist and humorist Ben Wicks. Then, after lunch, it was on to Varsity Stadium, where the Golden Bear football team fell short in its bid to defeat the University of Calgary Dinosaurs.

In the evening, nearly 300 people attended the Homecoming Banquet and Ball, held at the Westin Hotel, Edmonton. Highlights of the evening included the presentation of memento spoons to the Diamond and Gold Classes of 1923 and 1933 respectively, a toast to the 1958 Silver Class by Students' Union President Robert Greenhill, a reply by the Honorable Justice Joseph Kryczka, '58 LLB, and toasts to the Diamond and Gold Classes by President Horowitz and Chancellor Savaryn, respectively. In addition, the 75th Anniversary Scholarship was presented to an Arts student, Joel Minion.



Donald Allan, '23 BCom, was one of six Diamond Grads who took part in Homecoming '83.

On the following day the Diamond and Gold graduates were the guests of honor at a brunch hosted by President and Mrs. Horowitz.

Among those participating in the Homecoming activities were four graduates of 1923: Donald Allan, BCom, of Holden, Alberta; Eva Wood, BA, of Victoria, B.C.; and Lucille Kane, BA, and E. Silver Keeping, BSc, both of Edmonton.

Dream Vacations Planned

You could have the holiday of a lifetime in 1984.

The Alumni Association is offering two exciting travel packages in the coming year.

First there is *The Best of China*, seven nights in the People's Republic of China combined with visits to Bangkok and Hong Kong for a 15-night holiday which will never be forgotten. Departure is in mid-May.

Your visit to the Orient begins in the ancient Kingdom of Siam with three nights in Bangkok, capital of modern Thailand. Then, after a night in Hong Kong, you discover the People's Republic of China, with stays in Peking, the political, cultural, and economic centre; Sian, once the largest city in the world and the capital of 11 dynasties; and Shanghai, one of the world's most fascinating cities and the most western of China's metropolises.

The Best of China concludes with four additional nights in Hong Kong, the duty-fee bargain centre of the world. Explore curious little streets, ferry across the most spectacular harbor in the world, ride a cable car, dine on delicacies of the Orient, or take a sampan cruise in one of the safest cities in the world.

In July, a second exciting travel adventure begins, and this time the destination is one of Europe's most fabled rivers, the Danube.

Spend four days and four nights aboard a luxurious Austrian river steamer cruising the Danube between Passau, Germany and Budapest, Hungary. For four more nights you will be able to enjoy beautiful Vienna—2,000 years of history carved in living stone, dancing stallions, the Vienna Boys Choir, the Strausses, the Hapsburgs, Sigmund Freud . . .

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both be fully escorted and supervised by experienced travel directors and will feature deluxe accommodation.

If you do not receive further information about these exceptional travel opportunities in the mail soon, please contact the Alumni Affairs Office for details.

Branches Host Visitors

Three alumni branches were put in touch with happenings on campus by visitors from the University this fall.

On September 23, members from the Red Deer branch were among those who welcomed the University of Alberta Senate to that central Alberta city. At a dinner that evening the alumni heard Bob Crawford, chairman of the University's department of chemistry speak about "The University of Alberta—Past and Present," a topic he is eminently qualified to address, having been born in the University of Alberta Hospital, attended the University as a student, and been on staff since 1956.

The special guests at the Toronto branch reception and lunch held on Sunday, October 16 were the vice-president (academic) of the University, George Baldwin, his wife, and Alumni Association President Ed Wachowich and Mrs. Wachowich. Dr. Baldwin's remarks about the state of affairs at the University—delivered in his usual entertaining and caustic manner—were well received by those present.

On Friday, October 21, the president of the University, Myer Horowitz, his wife, and Alumni Association Past-President Frank Kozar, and his wife were the dinner guests of the Grande Prairie, Alberta branch. There, Dr. Horowitz shared his thoughts on "The University of Alberta: The Next 25 Years." For the Kozars the evening was something of a homecoming; for they had been active in the affairs of the Grande Prairie branch prior to their move to Edmonton.

Alumni Affairs Director Susan-Peirce was present at the Red Deer event but was unable to attend the other functions. Only days before the Toronto event. Miss Peirce was involved in a car accident in Washington, D.C., where she had attended an alumni conference. After spending some time in a Washington hospital, she returned home to Edmonton directly. Fortunately, she was able to return to work full-time in early November.

Scholarship Awarded

The second winner of the 75th Anniversary Scholarship, first awarded last year, is Joel Minion, a fourth-year Faculty of Arts student specializing in anthropology.

Mr. Minion was chosen from among 13 applicants on the basis of his contributions to campus life and his academic record.

He is currently the director of Student Help, a University organization which provides students with information, peer counselling, and a crisis intervention service. His responsibilities include the administration and co-ordination of the office and its 40 volunteers, as well as liaison with the University community and with the Students' Union. Mr. Minion is also involved in the Students' Council decision making concerning student-oriented services.

Mr. Minion also donates his time as a representstive on the Faculty of Arts honors committee, where he has input regarding the stucturing of the honors program, and on the department of anthropology council.

The $1,500 scholarship was established in 1982 by the Alumni Association in recognition of the University's 75th Anniversary.

Medical Alumni

The medical Alumni Association held its annual meeting in Calgary on October 27.

At the meeting John Higgin of Calgary was named president of the association for the coming year. Other executive members are Marg Pearson of Calgary, past-president, Robert Sommerville of Calgary, vice-president, and the following who are committee members: Frank Haley, Edmonton, R.E. Pow, Calgary, A.R. Backstrom, Edmonton, and Bob Reikie, Camrose. Alumni Affairs Director Susan Peirce serves as executive secretary.

The business part of the meeting included a report on the Medical Alumni Directory, plans for the annual dinner, and the naming of the first recipients of the $250 scholarships, three of which are to be awarded annually to medical students based on projects presented during the Faculty of Medicine's annual Student Research Days.

Later that same day, the annual dinner of the Medical Alumni Association was held in the Westin Hotel, Calgary. At the dinner, the MAA Outstanding Achievement Award was presented to Edmonton pathologist, Ted Shnitka.

Medical Directory Being Prepared

The Medical Alumni Association is compiling a directory of all MD graduates of the University of Alberta.

Any MD graduates who have not yet responded to the request for information for inclusion in the directory are asked to do so now.

Information request forms were mailed earlier this year. Those medical graduates who did not receive the request or require a replacement are asked to contact the Alumni Office, in order that one may be provided.

The directory is to be ready for distribution in the spring.

Council Vacancies

Alumni Council vacancies currently exist for representatives of the following faculties:

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Rehabilitation Medicine
Faculté Saint-Jean

Anyone wishing further information or who may be prepared to serve is invited to contact Alumni Affairs Director Susan Peirce at 432-3224. ◊

Athletics

Campus Recreation Comes of Age

The biggest athletic success story at the University of Alberta these days is the one that takes place daily in the gyms and in the pools, on the ice and playing fields, and on the tracks and racquet courts early in the morning, at noon and in the evening.

"It's amazing what's happening," says Hugh Hoyles. "We're being inundated with people wanting to participate."

It is precisely this sort of enthusiasm for recreational activity that recently led to the establishment of the campus recreation program which Hoyles now heads.

While "Campus Recreation" is itself new, the program is the result of a slow evolution which has taken place over the past four or so years, explains Hoyles.

"With the change in people's lifestyles and the move to fitness, the traditional approach to recreation on campus was no longer appropriate. The intramurals program was not offering something suitable for the total University community."

The new program combines intramurals—men's, women's and co-rec—with non-credit instruction in recreational and fitness activities, and the staff fitness and lifestyle program. "It's working really well," says Hoyles. And the numbers bear him out: 88 teams registered for co-rec volleyball, close to 2,000 people playing recreational hockey, 900 participants in the staff fitness and lifestyle program, and on and on.

Hoyles estimates that in 1982-83 between six and seven thousand different people participated in the programs now under the campus recreation umbrella. And this year new participation records are being set. Last year, Art Burgess, the University's effervescent "Mr. Fitness", attracted some 700 persons with the fall offerings in his imaginative staff fitness and lifestyle program; this fall's enrolment increased by about 200 participants. Paticicpation in other areas of campus recreation is climbing as well—and at a percentage rate even greater than this year's sizeable increase in University registration, says Hoyles.

Not surprisingly, Hoyles is enthusiastic about the restructuring which has increased the attention the University is paying to campus recreation. However, he is a strong supporter of intercollegiate athletic competition as well: "It's healthy if a University sees that intercollegiate competition and a program to meet the recreational needs on campus have to co-exist." Just as a person should strive to be well-balanced, he says, a university must seek a balance—a balance between the pursuit of excellence in athletics and excellence in the organization of recreational opportunities for the total University community.

The campus recreation co-ordinator is pleased with the "marriage" of inter-university athletics and campus recreation at the U of A; the responsibility for both falling within the purview of the department of athletic services, Faculty of Physical Education.

Hoyles is himself a former intercollegiate competitor and, for a number of years, coached the Golden Bear volleyball team. He also served a stint as the head coach of the Pandas volleyball squad. In the mid-70s, he took a leave from the U of A to serve as the director of volleyball at the Montreal Olympics.

"Volleyball has been good to me," he says, with memories of people met and countries visited. "But," he continues, "my first love is campus recreation—seeing people participate in a well-organized program of activities."

As an undergraduate student at the University, he was the intramurals unit manager for Phys Ed. He was the president of men's athletics. As a graduate student, he looked after the campus intramural program—"it was the time when the program was really beginning to expand," he says. And when he graduated, he was offered a staff position as director of intramurals.

Now he's happy to have a mandate to look after the recreational needs of the total University community.

Squash, anyone?◇

A popular Campus Recreation event is the annual Turkey Trot road race held prior to the Thanksgiving Weekend.

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Try some simple arithmetic and you will see that maybe it's not quite that simple. Take the University's operating budget for a year—for 1981-82 it was about $180 million—and divide it by the number of students for that year—in 1981-82 there were about 20,000 full-time students and part-time students equivalent to about another 2,000 full-time enrolments.

Divide 22,000 into $180 million, and the result is slightly more than $8,000 per student. But, of course, not all of the University's expenditures are associated with teaching. There is research, and there is public service. To compensate, let's be generous and subtract $3,000.

That gives us some idea of the cost of educating the average University student—in 1981-82, more than $5,000. That's altogether in line with what it cost to attend some of the universities in the world, but what were tuition fees at the University of Alberta in 1981-82? For most students, significantly less than $1,000.

So?

So maybe your university education isn't something that you bought and paid for. Maybe what you really bought was a special relationship to the University of Alberta. Many of your fellow alumni think so. They believe that the University of Alberta is a university for all of the people of Alberta, and of Canada and even, in a more modest way, for all of the people of the world, but that in a special way it is their university. They want it to be the best university it can be.

And that is why they support the Alma Mater Fund each year.

In the past year it was alumni support which made a number of innovative campus projects possible. A pilot project in which the Faculties of Dentistry and Home Economics are combining to take a closer look at the nutritional health of the elderly, and a scuba diving program for the disabled are examples.

Alumni added a remarkable series of videotapes to the Boreal Institute Library. Entitled 'Kaminuriak—Caribou in Crisis', the series was produced by the Inuit Broadcasting Corporation.

Student-oriented projects always figure highly in the Alma Mater Fund allocations, and in the past year money went to support such undertakings as the Banff Student Business Seminar, the Mixed Chorus, the Convocation Band, and the University Chaplaincy. An alumni grant is also supporting the re-establishment of the 'Evergreen and Gold'. And of course, the Alma Mater Fund continues to provide the dean of graduate studies with an allotment for distribution through the graduate student travel fund.

Other beneficiaries of alumni giving in the past year include the University of Alberta Devonian Botanic Garden, the writer-in-residence program, the Ring House Gallery, and Universiade '83.

Things happened because of alumni support. Good things. And by supporting the Alma Mater Fund you can ensure that good things continue to happen.

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SAM SELVON

Brackley and the Bed

One evening Brackley was cruising around by the Embankment looking for a soft bench to rest his weary bones, and to cogitate on the ways of life. The reason for that, and the reason why the boys begin to call him Rockabye, you will find out as the ballad goes on.

Brackley hail from Tobago, which part they have it to say Robinson Crusoe used to hang out with Man Friday. Things was brown in that island and he make for England and manage to get a work and was just settling down when bam! he get a letter from his aunt saying that Teena want to come England too.

Teena was Brackley distant cousin and they was good friends in Tobago. In fact, the other reason why Brackley hustle from the island is because it did look like he and Teena was heading for a little married thing, and Brackley run.

Well, right away he write aunty and say no, no, because he have a feeling this girl would make botheration if she come England. The aunt write back to say she didn't mean to say that Teena want to come England, but that Teena left Tobago for England already.

Brackley hold his head and bawl. And the evening the boat train come in at Waterloo, he went there and start 'busing she right away not waiting to ask how the folks at home was or anything.

'What you doing in London?' Brackley ask as soon as Teena step off the train. 'What you come here for, eh? Even though I write home to say things real hard?'

'What happen, you buy the country already?' Teena sheself giving tit for tat right away. 'You ruling England now? The Queen abdicate?'

'You know where you going?' Brackley say. 'You know where you is? You know what you going to do?'

'I am going straight to the Colonial Office,' Teena say.

'What you think the Colonial Office is, eh? You think they will do anything for you? You have a god-father working there?'

Well, they argue until in the end Brackley find himself holding on to Teena suitcase and they on the way to the little batchy he have in Golders Green at the time.

When they get there Teena take one look at the room and sniff. 'But look at the state you have this room in! You ain't ashamed of yourself?'

'Listen,' Brackley say, 'you better don't let me and you have contention. I know this would of happen when you come.'

Teena start squaring up the room brisk-brisk.

'It making cold,' she say, putting chair this way and table that way and turning everything upside down for poor Brackley. 'How you does keep warm? Where the gas fire I hear so much about?'

Brackley grudgingly put a shilling in the meter and light the gas.

'What you have to eat?' But even as she asking she gone in the cupboard and begin pulling out rations that Brackley had stow away to see him through the winter. Brackley as if he mesmerize, stand up there watching her as she start up a peas and rice on the gas ring.

'You better go easy with them rations,' he say. 'I not working now and money don't grow on trees here as in Tobago.'

When they was eating Teena say: 'Well you have to get a job right away. You was always a lazy fellar.'

'Keep quiet,' Brackley say, enjoying the meal that Teena cook in real West Indian fashion—the first good meal he ever had in London. 'You don't know nothing.'

'First thing tomorrow morning,' Teena say. 'What time you get up?'

'About nine - ten,' Brakley say vaguely.

'Well is six o'clock tomorrow morning, bright and early as the cock crow.

'You don't hear cock crowing in London,' Brackley say. Then he drop the spoon he was eating with. 'Six o'clock! You must be mad! Six o'clock like midnight in the winter, and people still sound asleep.'

'Six o'clock,' Teena say.

Brackley finish eating and begin to smoke, whistling a calypso softly, as if he in another world and not aware of Teena at all.

'Ah well,' he say, stretching by the fire, 'that wasn't a bad meal. Look, I will give you some old blankets and you could wrap up that coat and use as a pillow—you could sleep on the ground in that corner . . .'

'*Me*? On the floor? You not ashamed?'

'Well is only one bed here as you see . . .'

'I using the bed.'

'Girl, is winter, and if you think I going to sleep in the corner with two old blankets and wake up stiff . . .'

But, in the end, was Brackley who crouch up in the corner, and Teena sound asleep in the bed.

It look to Brackley like he hardly shut his eyes before Teena was shaking him.

'Get up,' Teena say, 'six o'clock.'

Brackley start to curse.

'None of that,' Teena say. 'No bad language when I around.'

Teena move around fast and give Brackley breakfast and make him dress and get out on the cold streets mumbling, 'Get a job, get a job,' before he knew what happening.

It was only about ten o'clock, when he was washing dishes in a café where he get a work, that Brackley realise what was happening to him.

When he get home in the evening, Teena have screen put up around the bed and everything spick and span, and Brackley don't know where to look even for chair to sit down.

'I see you make yourself at home,' he say maliciously.

'And what you think?' Teena flares.

'The boys does come here sometimes for a little rummy.'

'None of that now.'

'And sometime a girlfriend visit me.'

'None of that now.'

'So you taking over completely.'

'Aunty say to look after you.'

'Why the hell you come England, eh?'

Well, a pattern begin to form as the weeks go by, but the main thing that have Brackley worried is the bed. Every night he curl up in the corner shivering, and by the time he doze off: 'Six o'clock, get up, you have to go to work.'

Brackley ain't sleep on bed for weeks. The thing like an obsession with him. He window-shopping on the way home and looking at them bed and soft mattress on show and closing his eyes and sighing. Single divan, double divan, put-you-up, put-you-down—all makes and sizes he looking at.

One night when frost was forming on the window pane Brackley wake up and find he couldn't move.

'Teena.'

'What?'

'You sleeping?'

'Yes.'

'Teena, you want to get married?'

'Married? To who?'

'To me.'

'What for?'

'So-I-could-sleep-in-the-bed—I mean, well, we uses to know one another good in Tobago, and now that you here in London, what you think?'

'Well, all right, but you have to change your ways.'

'Yes, Teena.'

'And no foolishness when we married. You come home straight from work. And I don't want you looking at no white girls.'

'Yes, Teena.'

No sooner said than done. Brackley hustle Teena off to the registry office as soon as things was fixed, thinking only how nice the bed would be after the hard floor and the cold, with Teena to keep him warm.

'What about honeymoon?' Teena say after the ceremony.

'In the summer,' Brackley say. 'Let we go home. I am tired and I feel I could sleep for weeks.'

'Bracks,' Teena say as they was coming away, 'I have a nice surprise for you. Guess who coming to London this evening?'

'Father Christmas,' Brackley say yawning.

'No. Aunty. I write telling her to come up, as the room not so small and we could manage until we get another place. And then she and me could get a work too, and that will help.'

'You putting hell 'pon jackass back,' Brackley moan. But it was only when they reach home that a great fear come to Brackley. He had to sit down in a chair before he could talk.

'But Teena,' he say quietly, 'we ain't have no place for Aunty to sleep?'

'Don't worry,' Teena say, 'She can sleep with me until we find another place.'♦

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SAM SELVON *was born in Trinidad, and though most of his adult life has been spent under less-bright suns, that Antilles island has remained the rock of his life and literature.*

Born to a mother of Scottish descent and a father of East Indian blood (the latter heritage being more apparent in his physical person), he grew up in the Trinidadian middle class and completed secondary school before serving in the Royal Navy Reserve during the Second World War. Later he worked for the Trinidad Guardian newspaper.

An engaging person, not fond of formality, he asks to be called "Sam."

Says Sam about the importance of his beginnings to his life and literature: "I can't change what I am, and no outside forces can change what a man is." From that realization, his literature takes root and flourishes.

When he left his homeland for England in 1950 it was to pursue a career as a writer—an endeavor for which he found little chance or encouragement in Trinidad. But he was not turning his back on the Caribbean: "My early work was intended to present Caribbean society, of which little seemed to be known in the outside world."

Arriving in England with no security other than a BBC promise to pay 30 guineas for a radio play and the hope that he would somehow make it as a writer, Sam lived "just as any immigrant . . . prepared to do anything to earn a living." That experience shines in his later work featuring Caribbean expatriates and emigrants.

A Brighter Sun, *his first novel, was published in 1952. With the completion of his second novel in 1954, he decided to "take the plunge." The time had come to "earn a living as a writer or forget about writing." A Guggenheim fellowship to support his work for a year made the plunge easier and his subsequent success has justified his decision. His published works include ten novels* (Moses Migrating *was published in London this September), a collection of short stories, books for schools, and numerous dramatic works, including a commissioned screenplay. Many of his works have been reprinted and some issued in translated editions.*

In 1978 Sam, who is now a Canadian citizen, moved to Calgary. After having lived half his life in Britain, he felt a need to "get back into the Western hemisphere." (Calgary was chosen for purely domestic reasons—his wife had relatives living there.)

The 1983-84 writer-in-residence at the University of Alberta, Sam has taught creative writing at various institutions, including—recently—the University of Victoria, the Banff School of Fine Arts, and the University of the West Indies.

On writing and teaching writing: "There are no formulas . . . it is very contradictory. It's a very individual thing. One can encourage and assist, but unless the creativity is in the person themself, it is very unlikely they will be able to cross the border from mediocrity to creativity."

Miscellany

Getting Serious About Writing Competence

The student waits until the others grouped around the sheets of paper posted outside the Athabasca Hall office depart and then moves to the sheets herself.

She carefully flips through them looking for the number of the envelope into which she had some weeks earlier placed her essay. She finds it, and her eyes shift slightly to encompass the grade. Her expression changes but little, but it is enough to reveal that she has passed.

Equally often the mini-dramas which unfold outside Room 441 do not have happy endings: one student in two who comes seeking the results of his writing competency testing will find that he has failed.

The chairman of the president's committee on testing and remediation at the University of Alberta and the director of the remediation centre is Dr. Lorna McCallum, '78 PhD, whose experience in remedial English goes back to her graduate student days when she assisted in the remedial program set up by the English department for its students who had writing difficulties. Prior to assuming her present responsibilities, she taught composition and technical writing, as well as English literature, in the English departments of the Universities of Alberta and British Columbia.

Dr. McCallum explains that the testing of writing competency began at the U of A in 1980 in response to a perceived decline in writing skills among freshmen. The problem, she says, is not one peculiar to Alberta or Canada but is North American-wide and affects Britain as well.

In the beginning, students entering only certain U of A faculties were required to write the test—an essay on a subject of topical interest chosen from a number of options. (Originally there were a few "identify the error" questions also, but these did not figure in the final mark.) Later—the seriousness of the writing deficiencies having been demonstrated—the testing became compulsory for all incoming freshmen. Failure to pass meant that the student would have to enroll in a remediation program, after which he would have to rewrite the test.

Prior to the commencement of the 1983-84 winter term, the University's General Faculties Council passed a new "University Policy Concerning Writing Competency" which has even more bite. Now the passing of the writing test has become a degree requirement for all undergraduate faculties, and, beginning in 1987, it will be an entrance requirement.

Why should this be necessary? Why the decline in writing ability? Dr. McCallum's response is careful. "It is a very complex issue," she says. She is at pains to ensure that her remarks are not taken as an indictment of the school system or teachers, when she identifies changes in emphasis in school curricula as one of the factors in the decline of the writing skills which she and her people are testing. Other factors she points to include teacher preparation at university, marking time available in high schools, teacher-pupil ratios, and—in society as a whole—the influence of television.

Dr. McCallum describes the type of essay the students are asked to write for testing as one which develops a well-organized and logial argument. "We see it as useful," she says of that type of writing. And indeed it is—it is the type of writing demanded by almost all of the essay assignments the students will face in their university careers.

Dr. McCallum heads a group of ten instructors who are responsible for both the grading of the test essays and the remedial instruction. The grading takes place with reference to a detailed marking code built around seven specific elements: content, structure, paragraphing, sentence structure, grammar, word use, and punctuation and spelling. After performance in regard to each element is assessed separately, the essay as a whole is evaluated to determine which of three grades will be awarded—satisfactory (S), marginally satisfactory (MS) (still a pass), or unsatisfactory (U). Each paper is assessed twice—and a third time by Dr. McCallum herself if the first two markers do not agree. Usually they do. "Of the 30 or so papers an instructor will mark in a day, I will look at about three," she says.

Is it possible that the large percentage of failures reflects unrealistically high standards? In addressing that question, Dr. McCallum explains that a paper need not be perfect to receive a passing grade. In fact, students may completely fail in one of the seven categories and still receive anMS grade; or they may commit random errors in several categories and still receive an S or MS. (It would seem that Dr. McCallum and her colleagues are in sympathy with the student who expressed his view that "everyone is *in title* to at least one mistake.")

She goes on to say that the grading standards have been discussed with groups from the Alberta Teachers Association, and the groups agree that they are not unrealistic—that only basic writing skills are needed to pass. Indeed, says Dr. McCallum, the marking done by classroom teachers who have been given the opportunity to look at test papers has been very much in line with that of her instuctors.

For those who fail the test, remediation begins with an interview with one of the instructors, at which time the student's essay receives a thorough going-over. Following that, there are approximately 20 hours of classes over a nine-week period. The classes are kept relatively small, and because for most students they are in addition to a full academic load, to the extent possible class time is given for all required assignments.

Computer-assisted lessons are also being developed to augment the remediation. The first few of what is to be a package of 20 lessons have now been developed for use with the University's PLATO computer. Now, at their own time and pace, students can give extra attention to such things as pronouns, dangling and misplaced modifiers, and subject-verb agreement.

With the passing of the new writing

competency policy by the GFC, price tags were put on the remediation and testing. Students must pay $15 to write the test and $60 for the remediation instruction. It was a recognition of economic reality, say Dr. McCallum: "We wish that we didn't have to charge." However, she reports that there has been no real outcry from the students. And, indeed, for most students who must take it, the remediation will be a good investment. Experience to date shows that the remediation develops the writing skills of the students to the point where two-thirds of those who initially failed pass on their next attempt.

There is more good news. Dr. McCallum has begun to see some improvement in the writing ability of the students being tested. For the last series of testing, the pass rate was 55 per cent, a small but significant increase from the 50 per cent standard of previous experience.

"I do think that the situation as a whole is improving," she says.◊

Memories *from page 5*

During the War years things were very closely rationed, and when we gave a tea the women would hand over their coupons to supply the butter and tea and sugar. We catered the convocation tea, then. There were three convocations the year that I was president of the Faculty Women's Club. The reason for that was that they had a summer term. Doctors were especially in demand because of the casualties; so they accelerated the medical department at the University. There was a special convocation for that in October, and we wondered what under the sun we were going to do for tea because our tea is imported and they hadn't any ships for that.

Mrs. McGregor Smith was head of getting supplies for the tea. She went to one of the firms—I think it was Pitfield-Cooper Wholesale—to see if we could get tea or they could suggest something else. Mr. Cooper said, "What about beef tea?" and he gave us a whole supply. So we served beef tea, and it went over in a big way.

Early days in residence . . .

The girls were all supposed to be in their rooms at 10 o'clock, and I would, before we settled down for the night, go in to see if they were all right and in their rooms—now they didn't have to go to bed necessarily; they could stay up all night if they wanted to, but they had to all be in by 10 o'clock.

Sometimes in the morning, I would go into a room and here Hazel Rutherford [the daughter of Premier Rutherford, now Hazel McQuaig] would be in one of the beds. She wasn't in residence, but she had stayed all night. And you know, they just had those narrow beds, and to see two girls . . . I would say, "Hazel, what on earth are you doing here?"

And then I had some difficulty with the girls. They couldn't go out at night without my permission, and it was at the time when the High Level Bridge was under construction. Down on the flats below the High Level Bridge, there were shanties built for the out-of-town engineers working on the bridge. The girls would meet these chaps on the streetcar, and these chaps would invite them down there so that they could have a dance. I wouldn't let the girls go, and they resented it. I remember one Calgary girl who told her mother what a strict disciplinarian I was, and the mother come to me and said, "For Heaven's sake, thank you Mrs. Sheldon."

Happy memories . . .

I had no trouble with the girls except for those little things that had to be settled. Another thing: if they got invited and didn't want to accept the invitation from a student, they would say to me, "Mrs. Sheldon, if so and so asks for me, would you tell them I'm sick." And I would say to them, "Not on your life." Oh it was really loving.

I have nothing but happy memories of the University. ◊

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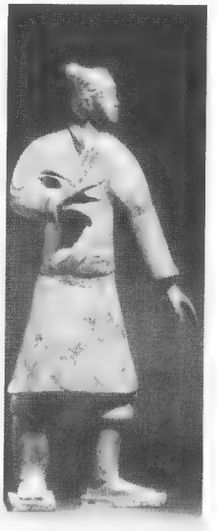

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An Alumnus

Ken Kasha, '57 BSc(Ag), '58 MSc

Build a better mousetrap and the world will beat a path to your door.

While the truth of that saying may not be beyond question. the path to Ken Kasha's door is indeed becoming well trodden.

One of the latest callers came bearing a cheque for $75,000: Dr. Kasha is the second winner of the Manning Award, established to recognize outstanding innovation and named in honor of the former premier of Alberta and recently retired Canadian Senator, Ernest C. Manning.

Dr. Kasha's "mousetrap" significantly reduces the time in which new barley strains can be developed, and his innovative technique has placed Canada in the spotlight of world plant genetics.

Ken Kasha was born in 1933 and grew up on the family farm near Lacombe, Alberta. He originally had no intention of going to University, but two years after his graduation from high school, the realization that "there was a whole lifetime ahead" prompted him to enrol in agricultural studies at the University of Alberta.

In his second year on campus, he became fascinated by genetics and decided to pursue the plant science option. After obtaining his masters's degree in 1958, he enrolled in a doctoral program at the University of Minnesota. He also married Marion Eileen Lenz of Olds, Alberta.

"The most fortunate thing I ever did in my life was to marry this particular girl," he recently told a reporter. "She helped me develop . . . from a shy person into someone who enjoyed teaching, and in a lot of other ways. She has been a major factor in my life."

Following his graduation from Minnesota, he obtained a position with Agriculture Canada, working in the realm of the cytogenetics of forage crops. Then in 1966 he accepted a faculty position in the crop science department of the University of Guelph in Ontario.

At Guelph, he added to his reputation as a tireless worker dedicated to

plant genetics. He spent 15 years perfecting the technique for which he has recently received recognition.

That technique is based on the haploid phenomenon—unlike normal plants, haploid plants have a set of single (unpaired) chromosomes. When the first haploid plant was discovered in 1922 many researchers recognized that haploids could be valuable in producing pure breeding lines for crop development, but a workable method remained elusive until Dr. Kasha's success in the use of the *bulbosum* method with barley.

The development of new crop strains has always been time-intensive, involving the growing of selected varieties through many generations to ensure that they will breed pure—all of the genetic inheritance which could cause variance having been depleted.

Dr. Kashas's innovation is a shortcut to the true-breeding stage which is based on the fact that crosses between cultivated barley *(Hordem vulgare)* and the wild barley species *Hordem bulbosum* yield haploids which, having "sluffed off" the *bulbosum* chromosomes, contain only a single set of chromosmes from the cultivated parent. Lacking the second set of chromosomes, the haploids cannot reproduce; however, using established techniques, Dr. Kasha causes the haploids to double their chromosome numbers, thereby producing dihaploids which will not only reproduce—but possessing, as they do, two identical sets of chromosomes—will be true-breeding (homozygous).

Thus, Dr. Kasha can cross two selected varieties of cultivated barley, take the resultant hybrid and use the *bulbosum* method to yield a wide variety of offspring which can be investigated to find one which has the characteristics being sought—should he find one, he knows it will already be true breeding.

Using conventional methods, the plant breeder can easily produce the same variety of offspring, but when he finds one with characteristcs which he would like to perpetuate, he has to breed it through as many as 10 to 12 generations to make it true-breeding. With the *bulbosum* method, it is possible to get seed for new barley strains to the farmer as much as three years sooner than before possible.

Barley is an important world feed crop, and because he wanted to ensure that the world would benefit to the full from his new technology, Dr. Kasha refused to patent it.

Since 1972, Dr. Kasha has accepted about 30 invitations originating from 10 different countries to discuss his work. He has made presentations in Japan, Chile, Great Britain, and the U.S.A. He has also been honored with the J.E. Olsen Prize in Botany and the Grindley Medal (together with Dr. E. Reinbergs) from the Agriculture Institute of Canada.

"It's a tremendous honor for me and a recognition of the importance of agriculture," says Dr. Kasha of his latest award. And the $75,000 that it brings he plans to put back into research. It is a way of recognizing all of the work by his graduate students and colleagues which made the award possible, he says. "For me it is enough to receive the award."

Dr. Kasha speaks highly of the Manning Award, calling it "a great thing for Canada" and saluting the trustees of the Manning Foundation who "give of their own time at their own expense."

He feels strongly, he says, about the tremendous importance of innovation to Canada to counteract an often negative national self image—again underlining the importance of the Manning Award.

"Whether I had won it or not . . . it's a great thing they are trying to do."◇

Two sure signs of autumn on campus: the splendid colors of the riverbank foliage and the reassembly of the Mixed Chorus. Here a group of Chorus members holds an impromptu outdoor concert.

Forty Years of Harmony

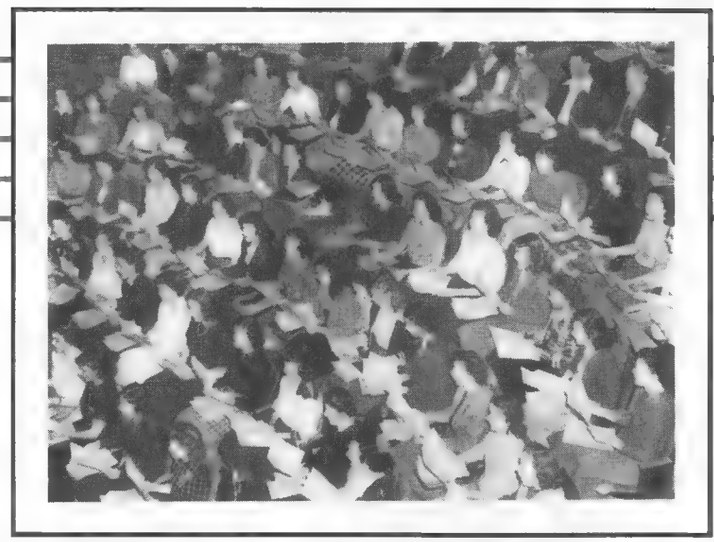
by Moira Day

Every fall the river valley beneath the campus explodes into its seasonal glory of evergreen and gold. And every fall one of the larger halls on the U of A campus explodes into the glory of music as the University of Alberta Mixed Chorus reconvenes for another season.

While not yet as old as the hills around it, the Mixed Chorus, at age 40, is certainly older than much of the surrounding campus. And the group appears even longer in the tooth when one considers that the Chorus, as organized under the leadership of Gordon Clark in the fall of 1944, was actually built on the bones of a smaller choir founded in 1939 by Ottaman Cypress to supply music for Student Christian Movement services. However, these bare facts tell little about the unique character of the Chorus itself—or the reasons why it will probably still be going strong 40 years hence.

One feels that an early reviewer put his finger on the matter precisely when he said, ". . . there is nothing that promotes good fellowship as well or develops artistic sensibilities more than chorus singing." He was right on both counts; within those two phrases, promoting "good fellowship" and developing "artistic sensibilities", exists much of the unspoken charter binding four decades of chorus existence.

It is true, of course, that the actual terms of that "charter" have evolved and changed through the years, reflecting the individual mark of succeeding conductors and changing times. The Clark years, for



Through the years, the faces change, but the harmony continues. So do many of the names.

instance, are marked by the freshness and excitement of new beginnings. A campus, and indeed a city, still under the shadow of the war responds enthusiastically to this unique new group of keen if inexperienced singers led by a spirited medical student. Though its repertoire of short classical pieces and traditional folk songs would seem at odds with the predominant campus taste for jive and jazz, the Chorus grows rapidly in three years from 70 to 135 members to become "the largest choir of its kind in Canada." Mingled with humorous accounts of Clark's exuberance and wit, one finds rave reviews from Calgary and Edmonton critics alike and the expressed hope that the Chorus will help lead a resurgence of interest in choral singing, an art neglected during the war.

With Clark's resignation due to the demands of final year Medicine, Richard Eaton, a new professor of music, takes the helm in 1947 and sets about fulfilling that hope. Under the direction of "the boss", as he is affectionately nicknamed, the Mixed Chorus moves into a new phase of expansion and consolidation. The music becomes more challenging and diversified, the reviews more numerous and favorable as the Chorus expands the spring tours begun under Clark, moves into regular radio appearances and is asked to sing for special occasions, such as Princess Elizabeth's visit in 1951. As many as 300 applicants join the long line outside Eaton's office to vie for the 50 to 80 spots open each year in the 155 member Chorus. Unfortunately, this rigid auditioning tends to rule out the keen but less capable singer. However, as the choir's musical competence and reputation grows, it becomes capable of not only awakening even more people throughout the province to the beauty of high quality choral music, but helps train future educators to fan the interest thus created into concrete results.

Eaton's sudden death while on sabbatical in 1968 brings an important era to a close. Under the direction of James Whittle for three years and Dr. David Stocker for one, the chorus moves into an uncertain transitional period. Not only has the Chorus lost the sure hand that has guided it for 20 years, but its own success has ironically helped to place it in a difficult dilemma. As the interest in choral music has increased so have the demands for a more specialized and professional training than that provided by a general student organization. To meet these demands, the chorus would have to move under the music department, thus forfeiting its status as an independent student association. Yet a decision to remain outside the department would virtually assure the loss of some of the best student talent always previously available to the group.

In deciding to remain true to its original mandate to the student body, the Chorus passes through yet another crossroads. Today, with its membership once more over the 100 mark, the Chorus under the direction of Dr. Ron Stephens is still very much a vital part of the campus and larger community. The spring and winter tours and appearances at special occasions, such as the recent special convocation for the Prince of Wales, still continue. So do the parties, alumni nights, steak roasts and pig roasts so much a part of the Eaton, Whittle, and Stocker years. Musically, however, the Chorus of the last decade has perhaps moved a little closer to the original purposes of the Clark years as stated in a 1945 poster: to accept "anyone associated with the University who

likes to sing", giving them the opportunity to do so regardless of previous musical experience or ability to read music. In the Chorus of the '70s and '80s as in that of the '40s, "if you like to sing and can attend rehearsals, you are welcome."

While the terms of the group's musical mandate may have altered with the years, what has never altered is its love of singing and the close fellowship this has created. The reminiscences of members of all 40 years radiate an infectious spirit of joy, friendship and fun that transcends all barriers of age or musical ability. An early alumnus's memory of the chorus invading The American Dairy Lunch in 1947 and bursting spontaneously into song to the surprise and delight of the patrons, is uncannily echoed in later alumni's memories of similar impromptu concerts conducted throughout the years in bars, restaurants, campgrounds, cafeterias and wedding halls throughout Alberta.

For many the memory of these impromptu concerts is inseparable from equally warm recollections of spring tour, yet another touchstone of common experience. For all but a very few of the 40 years choristers have been emerging from the bleakness of final exams into the warmth and freedom of the prairie spring and five to 10 days of singing in the halls and churches of rural Alberta, and sometimes the neighboring provinces as well. Many of the memories are humorous: collapsing risers, impossibly flat pianos, conductors inadvertently locked into washrooms in mid-concert, ingeniously lost or strayed choristers, and bogged-down buses hauled out by tractors or pushed by the whole group into a neighboring town are all part of the UAMC collective consciousness. So are the warm memories of horas, roadside picnics in the beauty of the awakening countryside, mid-tour parties with singing, dancing and skits, and the incredible hospitality of small towns all across Alberta which somehow managed to house and feed us in our multitudes.

For many others the touchstone is the memories of innumerable parties, pig roasts, steak roasts and bi-weekly practices, all of which helped transform a large, strange, impersonal campus into a place of laughter, song and human warmth. For many, the comradeship thus shared in rehearsals, tours and social events has developed beyond pleasant memories and lasting friendships into something even more intimate. As a consequence, many of the names one finds in the files of the '40s, '50s and '60s are beginning to appear again in the Chorus of the '70s and '80s as the children of former chorus members reach university age. One former alumnus of the '50s who pleads guilty, as tour manager, to making sure a certain "lovely, lilting soprano" was always on his bus, has not only seen three of his own children join the Chorus in recent years, but the eldest, in his turn, marry a "lovely, lilting soprano" of his own. As the latter marriage was only one of seven Chorus romances which ended in marriage that particular summer, it would seem that the seeds for yet a third generation of singers have already been planted.

To sum up, if there is a single quality that makes the University of Alberta Mixed Chorus unique. it is a deep sense of continuing tradition and community spanning 40 years—a tradition that is as human as it is musical. Through music the Chorus has helped celebrate the marriages of its members, and through music it has tried to soften the grief of death and parting—the passing of a beloved conductor, the death of another's brother, the death of a fellow member's spouse.

Through music, too, the Chorus bridges the gap of time and space separating choristers. For me the essence of the University of Alberta Mixed Chorus is those special moments at the end of a concert when all members there—past and present—are invited to join in the singing of the "University of Alberta Cheer Song." Sometimes, that simply brings a single person forward from the audience in some small town on tour; on other occasions, as it will most certainly at the 40th anniversary, almost the whole audience rises to its feet. Whenever it happens, however, there comes a certain magical moment when all of us, from young people in their late teens to balding businessmen in their sixties, put aside all differences in age, background, creed and occupation to raise our voices in the resounding glory of four part choral harmony.

That is the essence of the University of Alberta Mixed Chorus: 40 years of musical—and human—harmony. ♦

To mark its 40th Anniversary, the Mixed Chorus is planning a bigger-than-ever annual reunion in the spring. March 15, 16 and 17 are the dates which have been chosen for the event, and organizers hope to get as many people as possible involved. On each of the days, public concerts will be held in SUB Theatre. For more information, write:

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Class Notes

'24
MARGARET L. STANFORD, BA, is living in West Vancouver, B.C. where she has retired from social work. She writes that her most prized possession is the little gold double A pin, given her for basketball.

'29
ERNEST G. TYSON, BSc(Ag), retired ten years ago and now enjoys summers in Calgary and winters in Yuma, Arizona.

'32
FREDERICK J. ENNIS, BSc, lives in Burnaby, B.C. where he is enjoying retirement after 40 years of teaching.

'33
JAMES A. FRASER, BSc, who lives in Montgomery, Alabama, is retired as a full colonel of the United States Air Force and as a federel civil servant. He is a professor emeritus of physical science at the USAF's Air University, and teaches undergraduate statistics at Troy State University two nights per week. He holds a Florida licence to practice psychology, serves part-time in a Florida clinic, and delivers a guest lecture at the Air University once per year.
RITA M. HODGINS, BA, lives in Edmonton and is enjoying retirement.

'34
EDNA R. CAMPBELL, Dip.(Nu), received a glowing tribute in the Canadian Anaesthetists' Society Journal when she retired this year after 37 years of service to the society, most recently serving it as executive director.
VICTOR C. HESS, BSc(Eng), retired from the Canadian Malting Co. Limited in 1977 and recently moved to Victoria, B.C. He served with CESO and in 1980 spent 2 months in Beleze, C.A.
ELIZABETH TURNBULL (FORRYAN), BEd, '33 BA, retired from teaching high school in 1972 and keeps busy with church, community and library activities. With her husband she has travelled to England, Australia, New Zealand, the Yukon and Alaska, the Maritimes and has just returned from a tour of Europe.

'35
RICHARD G. JOHNSON, LLB, '33 BA, reports that he has retired to a lovely home at Oliphant, about 24 miles from Owen Sound on Lake Huron. He writes that he holds the lawn mowing franchise on his own property of about two acres.

'37
KATHLEEN G. HUTTON (BEACH), BA, received an MA degree in 1949 from the University of Michigan, lives in Toronto and is retired from a career in speech pathology which included the assistant directorship of McGill University's School of Human Communication Disorders. In July she attended the 100th anniversary of her home town of Gleichen, Alberta.

'38
ARTHUR F. JOHNSON, BSc, lives in St. Louis where he is the assistant dean and director of the three-two program in the School of Engineering and Applied Science, Washington University.
VINCENT C. RIDEOUT, BSc(Eng), has recently retired and is now an emeritus professor of electrical and computer engineering at the University of Wisconsin in Madison. He and his wife, GERTRUDE RIDEOUT (ELLERT), '38 BA, will spend the academic year 1983-84 in Honolulu where Vince will be a visiting professor at the University of Hawaii. The Rideouts were married in 1939, after his MS work at Caltech. He has taught at the University of Wisconsin since 1946 and plans to continue his interests in physiological system modelling and processor array computer design. Gertrude has taught piano since 1948 and teaches "English as a Second Language" as part of her 30 years of volunteer work with the Madison Friends of International Students organization. They both continue their interests in music and theatre events which go back to 1936 when they met at the University of Alberta in the chorus of the Mikado.

'40
LESLIE J. BROWN, BSc(Eng), retired after 39 years in the public service, 25 years in the army, three years as deputy director and subsequently director of installations for Expo 67, and 11 years as director general construction for National Defence. He is now doing consulting work in Ottawa.

'41
JOHN W. MEILSON, DDS, after a 26-year association with the Faculty of Dentistry at the University of Manitoba, including 20 years as its dean, has retired and is now living in Vernon, B.C.
JOHN A. NELSON, MSc, '39 BSc, received his PhD from McGill University in 1945 and, after 36 years with Ciba-Geigy Corporation, Summit, New Jersey, has retired from the position of director in the pharmaceutical division. Also retired is his wife FRANCES NELSON (NORRIS), '42 BA, who taught school for 20 years. They will continue to reside in New Jersey.

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F. BEVERIDGE FACEY, MA, '38 BA, after 31 years as a school superintendent in Alberta, retired in 1975 from the County of Strathcona, where the Bev Facey Composite High School, Sherwood Park, was opened in 1981. He lives in Edmonton, enjoys curling, golfing and travelling a few months each year, preferring freighter travel on the high seas.

LLOYD A. MCLEAOD, MSc, '41 BSc, who received a PhD from McGill University in 1944, retired in July from the Ontario Ministry of Education/Colleges and Universities, where he has negotiated contracts for ministry research during the past 11 years. Previously, he served 21 years with the research division at Polysar. He joins his wife ODETTE MCLEOD (TOTTON), '43 BSc, in a management consulting partnership aimed at providing organizational and managerial support to social agencies and associations.

'45

O. ERNEST ENARSON, BSc(Eng), retired from Loram International Ltd. in 1979 and is now living in White Rock, B.C. This year he was appointed to the president's advisory council of Trinity Western College in Langley, B.C.

'48

AGNES N. HAYES (MACKENZIE), BSc(Hon). received her MS in chemistry from the University of California at Berkeley in 1950 and, after 15 years as a lab scientist at the Ottawa Civic Hospital, in 1979 received her certification from the Canadian Society of Clinical Chemists. Since June she has been employed as a clinical chemist for Edmonton General Hospital.

ROGER G. YOUNG, MSc, '43 'BSc, a professor of entomology in the New York State College of Agriculture and Life Sciences at Cornell University, was named professor emeritus by that university's board of trustees.

'50

RON UMBACH, BSc(Eng), JOHN VERES, BSc(Eng), DONALD PORTER, BSc(Eng), and GEORGE HADLINGTON, BSc(Eng), along with four of their fellow graduates from the 1950 electrical engineering class, found work at TransAlta Utilities (previously Calgary Power) after graduation. This year they retired from that company after 129 years of collective service.

'51

MARGARET MAEROV (KATZ), BA, lives in Wilmington, Delaware where she is the director of volunteer services in an 82-bed nursing home.

JOHN J. SIGAL, BEd, '49 BSc(Hon), was recently appointed a full professor in the department of psychiatry, Faculty of Medicine at McGill University in Montreal. He is also a research director in the department of psychiatry and Institue of Community and Family Psychiatry at the Jewish General Hospital, Montreal and is a practising psychoanalyst.

'52

DORIS D. GARNER (MELLING), BSc(Nu), has recently completed her PhD in educational policy and administrative studies at the University of Calgary. She plans to consult in the field of Nursing education.

JAMES R. WALLACE, BSc(Eng), lives in Nanaimo, B.C. where he is a structural engineering consultant.

'53

MICHAEL MC GILLIVRAY, BCom, is a managing partner of Deloitte, Haskins & Sells, Chartered Accountants, in Prince George, B.C. He is also vice-chairman of the board of directors of the B.C. Development Corporation and vice-chairman of the board of directors of Pacific Isotapes and Pharmaceuticals, a company investigating the use of Interferon as a cure for cancer.

'54

M. JEANETTE MACQUARRIE (MORRISON), MD, '52 BSc, since completing a diploma in public health at the University of Toronto, has been employed as the medical officer of health for Alberta-East Central Health Unit, an area which comprises Camrose, Stettler, Coronation and Provost.

'55

PHYLLIS A. WARDLE, (WRIGHT), Dip(Nu), lives in Cochrane, Alberta and has been a head nurse on one of the neuroscience units at Foothills Hospital since January '83.

'56

EDYTHE A. ALLAN, BEd, has moved back to Wainwright, Alberta where she lived as a child and finds living easier there.

RONALD I MCKINNON, BA(Hon), is a professor of economics at Stanford University in Stanford, California.

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MARGARET M.C. MCKINNON (LEARMONTH), BA, is an associate editor of Sunset Magazine, Menlo Park, California.

'58

JOHN E. COLBERT, BSc(Eng), joined Shell Canada Limited in Vancouver after graduating and is now manager-business strategy, with Shell Canada Chemical Company. He was married in 1960, has two girls and has been tranferred five times, living in Edmonton, Vancouver, Montreal and Toronto (three times).

JAMES R. DUNCAN, DDS, '54 BSc, has been practicing general dentistry for 25 years in Calgary. He has been a trustee of the Calgary Zoological Society for 15 years and this year is the president. He officiated at the opening last June of the "world unique" Prehistoric Park, a $7 million park funded by the City of Calgary, the Alberta government and the energy industry.

'59

IRVING W. WILSON, MD, isworking in the practice of orthopaedics in Tabuk, Saudi Arabia.

MIKE J. WITWICKI, BEd, is the head accountant in the traffic department of Palm Dairies in Edmonton. He is also a certified master hypnotist with an office in his home as a private part-time business.

'61

RODERICK A. MORGAN, MD, is a clinical associate professor in ophthalmology at the U of A and in June was elected president of the Canadian Ophthalmological Society for a one-year term.

JAMES A. ROSS, BSc(Eng), is a general manager of Saskatoon Transit System and was elected president of the Canadian Urban Transit Association for 1983-84.

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RALPH C. HAAS, MEng, was recently named chairman of the department of civil en-

In Memoriam

Henry J. Wilson, '15 BA
Charles D. Reid, '23 BSc(Eng), '24 MSc
Ranald D. White, '24 LLB
Leroy P. Johnson, '31 BSc(Ag)
Jane B. Norris (Shaw), '31 BSc(Home Ec)
Cecil H. Carley, '34 DDS
Stuart J. Shaw, '34 BA, '37 LLB
Henry A.H. Wallace, '35 BSc(Ag)
Joseph C. Justik, '39 BSc, '43 MD
Max R. Earle, '41 MD
Norman L. Laycroft, '42 BSc
Neville N. Lindsay, '50 BA
James D.A. Cumming, '51 MD
Kenneth R. Welsh, '52 BSc(Eng)
Donald A. Gaudin, '53 BSc, '56 MD
George A. MacLeod, '68 BSc
Ronald A. Strate, '68 BSc(Eng)
Adelbert Kedves, '78 BEd

gineering at the University of Waterloo and has previously held a variety of academic, consulting and research assignments.

WALTER C. HARRISON, BSc(Eng), of Atomic Energy of Canada has been attached to the department of energy, mines and resources, CANMET in Ottawa as the project manager in charge of mathematical modelling for the National Uranium Tailings Program.

ELIZABETH A. HLUS, BSc(Pharm), is the director of pharmacy for the Edmonton and Rural Auxiliary Hospital and the Nursing Home District located at Dickinsfield Extended Care Centre.

RUTH E. JACOX, BA, loves Vancouver Island where she now resides and is a partner in a sailmaking business.

SAMUEL BOYD TAYLOR, MEd, writes from Saskatoon where he is employed as an executive assistant with the Saskatchewan Teachers' Federation.

'64

MAXINE L. HANCOCK, BEd, writes from Marwayne, Alberta, where she combines freelance writing with an active interest in education. Her fifth book was released in July. She and husband CAMPBELL HANCOCK, '65 BEd, have taken a one-year leave of absence from their shared position in high school English, in order to focus on their respective interests in literature and agriculture.

FREREICK W. SAUNDERS, BPE, taught in Calgary for 10 years and has now taken up farming in the Brooks-Bassano area of Alberta.

'65

GEORGE G. ABRAM, BCom, was transferred to Vancouver last September to set up a new office of London Life Insurance Company as regional manager.

DOUGLAS G. MACKENZIE, BSc(Eng-Phys), has been appointed senior vice-president of Petro Canada Products Inc. located in Toronto.

PATRICIA E. PELECH, BSc(MLS), graduated from the Ontario College of Art in 1981, specializing in design in fiber. She will be holding an exhibition in Edmonton in November, 1983.

'66

VIVIAN J. CARLSON (JENSEN), BPE, is teaching grade five at MacDonald Elementary School in Sommerland, B.C.

O. ANTHONY OLDENOF, BEd, lives in Vancouver, B.C., where since 1978 he has been the supervisor of instruction responsible for modern languages with the Vancouver School Board.

'67

W. ALLAN BELL, MEd, is enjoying his third year as a teacher at Alex Taylor Community School and last winter was a member of the Edmonton Public School Board's "Sacred Circle" project. He keeps busy working with the community school, senior citizens and as the cub-master of the first cub pack in Canada to be run as part of a school program.

RUTH A. HESLEP, BEd, took an early retirement from teaching at the Alberta Correspondence School because of the school relocation to Barrhead, Alberta. She is now active in musical and women's church ministries.

ALAN SHIELDS IMRIE, MSc, is the supervisor, geology section, Hydroelectric Generation Projects Division, B.C. Hydro in Vancouver, B.C. He is also the co-recipient of the 1983 Thomas Roy Award given by the Canadian Geotechnical Society to recognize contributions to engineering geology in Canada.

BONNIE A. KERR, BA, of Edmonton, has been appointed to the U of A Senate.

WAYNE R. OSTERMANN, BSc(Eng), who was recently promoted to Lieutenant-Colonel, is the Base technical services officer at the Canadian Forces Base in Moose Jaw, Sask.

JIM NEUFELD, BA, is the director of the applied psychology program at the University of Western Ontario where he is a professor of psychology. He has been teaching at UWO since 1972.

'68

DAVID E. FREEMAN, BA, is now living in Calgary where he is the administration manager of Novacor Chemicals Ltd., a petro chemical company selling PVC and polyethylene.

TERENCE HORE, PhD, an sssistant dean of men at the U of A from 1965 to 1967 and a warden in Henday Hall, is currently the director of the higher education advisory and research unit, at Monash University in Melbourne, Australia. He is also a consultant on teaching and learning in higher education to several universities in Thailand, Indonesia, and Papua, New Guinea.

'69

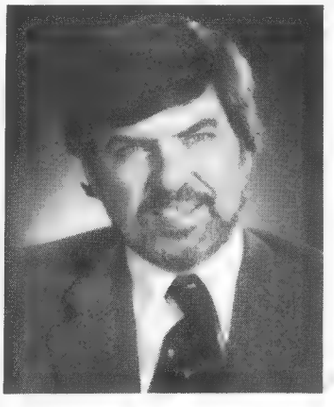
JOHN E. BUTLER, MA, is the music coordinator of the fine arts department of Brock University, St. Catharines, Ontario.

JUDITH E. BUTLER (SHORT), BA, teaches elementary school in St. Catharines, Ontario and is the conductor of the 70-voice Niagara Children's Choir, of which she is the founder.

BRUCE FREEBAIRN, BSc(Eng), and family have been transferred to Oslo, Norway, where he has been assigned the position of project manager for Tri Ocean Engineering of Calgary who are acting as drilling platform consultants to BP Norway A/S on the Ula field. The contract will last one year.

SHARON ANN GIBB, BEd, is the author of "Healthy Ways", a grade 1-6 student activity program designed to complement the new provincial elementary health program. She is the co-ordinator of "Diversions for Living" with the Lethbridge School District.

NEAL M. HOLTZ, BSc(Eng), received his PhD



DAVID G.A. MCLEAN, *'59 BA, '62 LLB, has been elected chairman of the Board of Governors at the University of British Columbia. Mr. McLean has been a member of the Board since 1980, serving as its property committee chairman for the past two years. He is a senior partner in the Vancouver law firm of McLean, Hungerford and Simon.*

A native of Edmonton, he was a lecturer in UBC's law faculty from 1975 to 1978 and has been chairman of a number of continuing legal education seminars sponsored by that university. He has also been chairman of a number of committees for the Vancouver Board of Trade and was a member of the economic advisory board for the City of Vancouver from 1978 to 1980.

from Carnegie-Mellon University and is now an assistant professor of civil engineering at Carleton University in Ottawa. He is also the acting director of the center for advanced studies in computer aided engineering.
PATRICIA L. SCRIVEN (ROEBROCK), BA, is a housewife living in Calgary.
MALCOLM K. WILKINSON, MSc, is working in Singapore for an Australian design and construction engineering organization, Sabemo PM Limited, as manager of the company's representative office.

'70

FRANK J. DELEMARRE, BEd, is teaching in the food and beverage management program at Sir Sandford Fleming College in Peterborough, Ontario. He also operates his own hospitality consulting firm.
ROBIN R. ISON, PhD, for the past five years has been group leader of chemistry research at Dow Chemical European Division's Agricultural Chemicals R & D Centre, Kings Lynn, England.
LEAH D. MORRISON, BPT, opened her own physiotherapy practice two years ago in the Orchard Park shopping area in Kelowna, B.C. Prior to that she practiced in Vancouver, Montreal and also did locums in Australia.
MARY W. RISKIN, BEd, is the executive director of the Writers Guild of Alberta.
DONALD W. THOMSON, LLD(Hon), '26 LLB, a poet, journalist and honorary life-member of the Canadian Authors Association, is working on a book about the contributions of Canadians in mapping and surveying other lands.

'71

SUBHASH S. AGGARWAL, MSc, writes from Sarnia, Ontario that he was recently promoted to the position of division manager of the monomers and energy division of Polysar Ltd.
ALLAN R. ANDERSON, BCom, received his MBA degree in 1972 from the University of British Columbia and is now the cash management officer with the government and corporate banking division of the Bank of Montreal in Vancouver, B.C.
LOIS S. ANDERSON, Dip(Ed), '70 BA, lives in Calgary and teaches grade three in the Rockyview School Division.
DIANE J. MCLURE, BEd, taught with the department of national defence in Lahr, West Germany before returning to Edmonton to begin teaching for the Edmonton Public School Board in September.
DENIS R. ZUKIWSKY, BEd, a former Golden Bear, is now coaching the national junior team of the People's Republic of China. He is involved in a coaching exchange between the governments of Canada and China, and the Canadian Amateur Hockey Association and the Chinese Hockey Federation.

'72

OWEN A. ANDERSON, PhD, '66 BA, is responsible for 350 Native communities, more than one third of the bands in Canada, in his position of regional director general, Indian Affairs and Northern Development with the government of Canada, B.C. region in Vancouver.
TERRY G. CHAPMAN, BCom, received his MBA from the University of Western Ontario in 1980 and is a senior finance officer in the Canadian Armed Forces, currently attending command staff college in Toronto.
MYRON M. TOMYN, BEd, is president of Alberta Enterprises, a major landscaping firm in Port Charlotte, Florida. He is also owner of The Sandbox, a full line toystore managed by his wife Patti. They enjoy living in Florida and he writes there is "no need to ever wear thermal long johns!"

'73

ANNA GROENEVELD, Dip(Ed), '72 BA(Hon), since graduation has taught at Black Diamond, Alberta; worked and travelled in Europe for two years; married; and moved to Grand Forks, B.C. She is currently teaching at the Grand Forks Secondary School.
DENIS W. JIRSCH, PhD, '70 MSc, '67 MD, has been appointed consultant and chief of surgery for the Credit Valley Hospital, due to open in 1985 in Mississauga, Ontario. He is currently a surgeon at St. Michael's Hospital in Toronto and an associate professor of surgery at the University of Toronto.
ROBERT D. MCINTOSH, LLB, after four years as a judge of the Provincial Court of Alberta, resigned to return to private law practice in Red Deer.
PETER V. TEASDALE, LLB, '72 BA, is employed with the Alberta attorney General working in Edmonton as the regional agent (urban).

'74

DAVID W. APPLEWHAITE, MBA, '69 BSc(Eng), works with Syncrude Canada in Edmonton as the senior corporate planning economics advisor.
VIRGINIA G. CATHCART, Dip(DH), '70 BA, holds two part-time positions, one that of clinical instructor in the dental hygiene program at the U of A and the second, working in a private practice with Dr. Pat Pierce, a periodontist.
JOHN G. CHITTICK, BSc(Ag) is a logging engineer at Nimpkish Camp, Englewood division, Canadian Forest Products, living in Port McNeill, B.C.
KAREN L. COLLINS, BSc(Nu), recently moved with her husband and family to an acreage in Lloydminster, Saskatchewan, where she is working as a permanent part-time nursing supervisor at Lloydminster Hospital.
SHIRLEY D. DUBBER, BSc(ST), received a master's degree from Washington, D.C. college and then spent two years setting up a program for the deaf in southern Manitoba. She is now in Puerto Rico at the Evangelical School for the Deaf.
SHARON T. FORD, BPE, reports that she is alive and well and living in Central Africa.

JUDY LATHROP, *'68 Dip(Nu), '69 BSc(Nu), has been appointed dean of the Faculty of Continuing Education and Extension at Mount Royal College, Calgary. The acting dean of the Faculty since October 1982, she will serve a three-year term as dean.*

Ms. Lathrop has been an instructor at Mount Royal College since 1973, teaching in both the allied health and nursing programs. In 1976 she was appointed chairperson of the nursing program, and in 1978 was appointed chairperson of allied health. She served as acting dean of educational development and special assistant to the vice-president (academic), before being appointed dean of the newly-established Faculty of Community and Health Studies in June 1981.

In 1979 Ms. Lathrop was awarded her master's degree in nursing and allied fields from Teachers College, Columbia University, New York.

PATRICIA A. HARRISON, Dip(DH), is living in Vancouver, B.C. and is in the process of researching, planning and actively developing what she hopes will be one of Canada's fisrt successful dental hygiene clinics.
KARIN HENDLEY, BEd, previously taught in La Crete, Brooks and Edmonton and now teaches grades five and six in Youngstown, Alberta.
FRANCES S. ITANI, BA, has recently returned to Canada after three yearsof living and writing in Heidelberg, West Germany.
ROBERT D. LUCY, BA, after six years with CBC Radio, has now formed the company Tagish Words and Presentations, producing multi-image presentations and other corporate communications. He resides in Burnaby, B.C.
GARTH N. PICKARD, MEd, '71 BEd, and wife GLORIA PICKARD (LORENSON), '71 BEd, now live in Regina, Saskatchewan where he is an assistant professor in the Faculty of Education, department of physical education at the University of Regina. Gloria is currently a housewife and mother of two children, ages six and three.
DOUWE SMID, BSc(Ag), spent three years as a vegetable crop specialist at Alberta Horticultural Research Centre in Brooks, Alberta before starting on his MS degree which he received in 1980 from Washington State University. He then became the district agriculturist at Taber, Alberta, and in July '83 he opened a new district agriculturist's office at Vauxhall, Alberta.

'75

DARRELL R. COUTURE, BCom, is living with his family in Fort Vermilion, Alberta where he is employed as the secretary/treasurer of the Fort Vermilion School Division. Previously he lived in Sechelt, B.C. where he was a branch manager for the Bank of Montreal.
IAN C. JONES, BSc, is employed with Eldorado Resources Ltd. as the supervisor of systems and programming at the Blind River refinery, Ontario.
LYNN D. MARLER, BLS, '68 BEd, is the community liaison officer with Athabasca University, working with the university staff and the community of Athabasca to facilitate the move of that university to Athabasca in 1984.
ROY STROMBERG, BA, is a flight services specialist working in the field of airation and weather. He has worked in Inuvik, N.W.T., Whitehorse, Yukon, Hay River and is now settled in Lloydminster, Sask.

'76

RICHARD I. ANDREWS, MSc, '69 BSc(Ag), has recently been transferred to Barbados with Deloitte, Haskins & Sells Associates, Management Consultants, to continue the development of the firms agricultural consulting practise in the Caribbean and South American region.
JAMES E. BROWNE, BA(Rec Admin), recently graduated from the Canadian Theological Seminary in Regina, Saskatchewan with a master of divinity degree. He and wife FRANCES BROWNE (SMITH), '75 BPE, are moving to Richmond, B.C. to go on intern staff with a Christian organization, Navigators of Canada.
RALPH A. DICAPRIO, PhD, was recently appointed assistant professor of biomedical sciences in the College of Osteopathic Medicine at Ohio University in Athens, Ohio.
CAMERON A. MCDONALD, Dip(Ed), '75 BSc, of Vermilion has been appointed to the U of A senate.
RUSSELL H. NELSON, BSc(Ag), instructs agricultual mechanics at Olds College in Olds, Alberta. During the past year he worked with Universiade '83 in the venues division.

'77

CHERYL M. APPLEWHAITE (SEALY), BPT, is currently at home in Edmonton, caring for three sons, the youngest of whom is only a few months old.
MARTHA J. BEACH (CLEE), MSc, '73 BPE, has retired from teaching at Grande Prairie Regional College and as chairman of the department of physical education and athletics, to get married and "take a full-time job as wife and mother". She plans to be involved in part-time PE work in the community.
GARRY BUCHARSKI, BSc(Eng), is working as a hydraulics design engineer in the design and construction division of Alberta Environment.
STEWART J. COHEN, MSc, received his PhD in geography from the University of Illinois in 1981 and since that time has been a member of the faculty of the department of geography at York University in Downsview, Ontario.
ELAINE M. FURNELL, BSc. and husband ALLEN D. FURNELL, '78 BSc, are living in Burnaby, B.C. where they run a consulting business doing biology contract work in the lower mainland. Allen is also working toward an MSc degree at Simon Fraser Univesity.
ROBERT D. LAIDLER, BSc, worked for one year in research oceanography before retraining at NAIT and the U of A Hospital as a respiratory technologist, in which capacity he now works at the Jubilee Hospital in Victoria, B.C.
KEITH A. MCELHINNEY, BSc(Eng), lives in Provost, Alberta, where he is employed st Wilmar Implement Company, a John Deere dealer, and works part time at A.R. Nelson Engineering.
JOSEPH G. MCGHIE, LLB, after three years with Allarco Group Ltd., the last one and one-half spent in Las Vegas, is now enroled in the MBA program at Harvard Business School
ROBERT C. NEUMANN, BCom, is working as a financial planning accountant with Canadian Utilities Limited in Edmonton.
SAMUEL DA-CHI WAN, BSc, spent three years studying law at the University of Wales in the United Kingdom where he was awarded a LLB(Hon) degree last June. He is now articling with John L. Robinson in Red Deer.
ROBERT A. WOOD, BSc(Eng), is an associate in the consulting firm of Reid, Crowther and Partners. He recently assumed new responsibilities as manager of the Red Deer region.

'78

WES. D. ALTON, LLB, is a lawyer specializing in corporate, commercial and real estate with the Edmonton law firm Colvin, Alton and MacDonald. He is married and has two boys.
MARGARET L. ANDERSON (SKOGSTAD), BEd, retired last June after 35 years of teaching in Alberta, opening one rural school and closing three. She is kept busy attempting to write a book, making travel plans with her husband, gardening on their farm, and spending time with their two sons and families.
AUDREY E. CALDWELL, BSc(Nu), and her husband BRUCE M. CALDWELL, BEd, recently returned to Canada after two and one half years as a field staff officer team with CUSO in Nigeria.
EILEEN E. CAROLAN, BSc(HEc), was married two years ago and now lives in Victoria, B.C. She and her husband recently moved into their first home and she reports they are settling in happily with their two dogs and a cat. Eileen is working in a new position at the new Victoria General Hospital as a nutritionist in maternal and child care and doing out-patient nutrition counselling.
ALLAN J. FRANKLIN, BCom, is the supervisor of general accounting and financial systems development with Dow Chemical of Canada's Western Canada division, located at Fort Saskatchewan, Alberta. He began employment with Dow upon graduation and subsequently obtained an RIA designation.
J. KENNETH HENNESSEY, BSc, is working as a programmer-analyst for Alberta Government Telephones in their systems and methods department.
MARTIN K. MCNICHOL, PhD, who now lives

in Toronto, received the eighth annual Loran L. Goulden Memorial Award last January, for his outstanding work on the natural history of Alberta. He was also re-elected president of the western Bird Banding Association in May 1983.

COLLEEN L. STEWART, Dip(Nu), has worked in emergency nursing since graduation and has just completed one year in Bermuda. She is now back in Edmonton in a nursing position and enjoys creative writing.

ALAN Y. TANAKA, BEd, is teaching grade five in High Level, Alberta and working part-time with his wife in her accounting office.

MARGARET H. TANAKA, BSc(Hon), is the president of an accounting office in High Level, Alberta and is studying for her CGA certificate.

ROBERT W. WINTEMUTE, BA(Hon), received an LLB and a BCL from McGill University in 1982 and is now practising law with the bankruptcy department of Milbank, Tweed, Hadley and McClay in New York City.

KENNETH E. YAREMKO, BSc(Spec), is a geologist working for Canadian Occidental Petroleum in the central region of Alberta and B.C., currently based in Calgary.

'79

ALAN J. AUBUT, MSc, is the senior geologist for Inco Ltd., operating the district exploration office in Thunder Bay, Ontario.

PETER D. FELBERG, BCom, reports that he is alive and well and looking for a wife in Vancouver, B.C.

JOHN P. HAULE, MBA, is general manager of Mangula Sawmills in Tanzania, Africa. He has held this position for two years, since completing his studies in Finland in 1981. He is now married and has a son.

WALTER H. HOGG, BEd, completed his MEd degree in educational administration at the University of Victoria last spring and is continuing his studies there this year.

ROSS T. LINDSKOOG,MD, and BRIAN D. RITCHIE, '79 MD, '75 BSc, have recently become associated in the practice of family medicine at Ermineskin MedicalCentre in south Edmonton.

JUDITH L. LUX (TUCKER), BEd, is living in Fort Macleod, Alberta and teaching grade two at Standoff on the Blood Reserve.

SUSAN L. MCLEAN, BCom, became a CA in the fall of 1982 with Price Waterhouse in-Edmonton. She recently transferred to the Price Waterhouse partnership in Paris, France for approximately three years.

GARRY T. NEILSEN, BCom, is employed with Gulf Canada, who recently transferred him back to Calgary from Vancouver. He is working in the regional office implementing an inventory control system throughout Western Canada.

CATHERINE M. NIELSEN, BA,(Rec Admin), recently moved back to Calgary and has just completed her third year of the CGA program. She is working for the Society of Management Accountants as an accounting assistant and says she is "glad to be back in Alberta".

JOHN T. RYAN, BEd, and ELIZABETH RYAN (MOLZAN), BEd, are living in Wabamun, Alberta. John is teaching, and Elizabeth has "retired" from teaching to the full-time position of raising their son, David, born in October 1982.

JAMES D. WISWELL, BA, recently changed jobs and is now working as an analyst for the Bank of Nova Scotia in Toronto.

'80

HARRY J. BUCHMUELLER, BCom, received his master of industrial relations degree from the University of Toronto in 1982 and joined the staff of Construction Labour Relations—Alberta. In June he went back to Toronto to join the Mechanical Contractors Association of Ontario as the director of labour relations.

ROBERT M. EDWARDS, BA, received his masters degree in graphic design from the Central School of Arts in London, England last spring. He is now at London Business School working on an MBA.

CATHERINE E. GOOD, BEd, lives in Sexsmith, Alberta where she teaches grades seven and eight, "Enjoying life!" she writes.

'81

LESLIE C. GILBERT (HAUSER), BSc(Pharm), has been a pharmacist in Stettler, Alberta, since graduation. She was married last June.

TIMOTHY L. HANSEN, BSc(Eng), is employed with Dominion Bridge Co. in Calgary as a civil engineer. Last spring he was successful in passing his professional engineer's exam and says he enjoys his vocation very much.

ROBERT A. HARRIS, BSc, successfully defended his MSc (zoology) thesis in September and is now commencing work on a PhD at Simon Fraser University. He is studying comparative physiology in salmon.

C. CRAIG HAUKEDAL, MA, '80 BA(Hon), is currently employed with the City of Calgary Electric System as a forecasting analyst.

PETER P. KALANDEROPOULOS, BSc(Hon), is a graduate student at the University of Toronto where he is studying aqueous organic photochemistry under the supervision of Dr. K. Yates.

DAVIDD A. LAWLEY, BSc, is a financial consultant with the Principal Group Ltd. in Grande Prairie, Alberta.

BARBARA L. NORGARD (L'HEUREUX), BEd, is teaching grades seven, eight and nine in Veteran School, Veteran, Alberta.

LOUISE A. SYROTIUK-VAUGHN, BEd, is living in Los Angeles, California where she teaches grade six at Pilgrim Private School.

DARLENE M. TAYLOR (YAUSIE), MLS, '77 BEd, lives in Calgary where she is the head librarian at Alberta department of education's (Special) Library.

'82

GREGORY L. BRANTON, BSc(For), is a forester with the Alberta Forest Service in the Footner Lake Forest, High Level, Alberta.

CATHERINE A. BRANTON, BPE, is the recreation director for the town of High Level, Alberta. She and husband Greg were expecting their first child in late October.

DOMINIQUE GASCON, PhD, is a research scientist with the Canadian department of fisheries and oceans, working in Quebec City where he is doing research on fisheries in the Gulf of St. Lawrence.

STEVEN S. DENNIS, PhD, was recently appointed vice-president (research) with the Western Industrial Research and Training Centre in Edmonton.

JOAN E. MACDONALD, BSc(Nu), lives in Montreal, Quebec where she is "having fun". She was planning an October visit to Edmonton to see friends.

JUDY R. MAYES, BEd, is in her first year of teaching at the Canadian Forces Base in Suffield, Alberta. Her responsibilities include the French program from kindergarten through grade four.

LESLIE A. MCDONALD, BEd, is teaching grade six in La Crete, Alberta.

HEATHER L. MURRAY, BA, resides in Edmonton and is currently employed as a crime analyst with "K" division, RCMP.

ALAN R. SNEYD, MSc, is a private consultant for Canarctic Shipping Ltd. of Ottawa, specializing in Arctic marine transportation.

DENISE Y. TYSON, BEd, unable to find a teaching position in B.C., accepted the position of co-ordinator of the youth involvement program for the Vancouver Volunteer Centre. This is a paid position which enables her to speak to many high school classes.

'83

CHARLES E. BLAIR, BSc(Nu), is currently attending Memorial University, Faculty of Nursing doing an MN in psychiatric and mental health nursing.

DAVID C. EDWARDS, MD, is interning at Saint Thomas Hospital in Akron, Ohio.

DOUGLAS R. HUDSON, PhD, is currently teaching anthropology and sociology at Fraser Valley College, in Abbotsford, B.C., a position he has held since 1980. ◇

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